

Before You Apply: Understanding Our Funding Focus

Marshall County REMC's Operation Round Up program provides grants to nonprofit organizations that make a meaningful difference in the communities we serve. To help ensure your project aligns with the program's purpose, please review the following guidelines before applying.

We Prioritize Funding For:

- Projects that provide a direct and measurable benefit to residents within Marshall County REMC's service territory
- Programs with clearly defined goals, a realistic timeline, and a plan for completion
- Requests that demonstrate broad community impact or serve an identifiable group in need
- Efforts that fill funding gaps and are not already supported by significant public or taxpayer-based funding
- Capital items or resources that will be used for community programs, safety, education, or wellness
- Organizations able to provide supporting documentation, such as quotes or invoices, to show how funds will be used

We Typically Do Not Fund:

To ensure Operation Round Up dollars are used effectively, the board generally does not consider funding for:

- Routine building maintenance or infrastructure improvements (e.g., painting, windows, remodeling)
- Office or household equipment not essential to program delivery (e.g., appliances, office machines)
- Vehicles, trailers, or transportation-related purchases
- Utility assistance or other ongoing operational expenses
- Projects still in the early planning stage without a clear completion date or measurable outcomes
- Organizations whose primary funding already comes from taxpayer sources (e.g., government agencies, schools for general operations)
- Fundraising events or sponsorships (e.g., banquets, raffles, or ticketed events) — funding must go directly toward project costs
- Duplicate requests from the same organization within a short period of time

Helpful Tip:

Applications are strongest when they clearly outline how funds will be used, who will benefit, and how the project will make a lasting impact. Providing supporting documents—such as estimates, quotes, or invoices—helps the board make an informed decision.