



Operation Round Up®

# Simply Round Up your electric bill and make a difference in the lives of people in need in our community.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program in which KREMC members pool their resources together to help those in need. To opt out, please contact KREMC by phone at 574-267-6331 or email us at [mail@kremc.com](mailto:mail@kremc.com) with your account number and name.

## HOW IT WORKS

It's an ongoing charitable fundraising program to benefit worthwhile community projects. Kosciusko REMC members who round up their electric bills to an even dollar amount donate those funds. Many rural electric cooperatives across the country have implemented the program, which was originated by Palmetto Electric Cooperative in South Carolina.

Each month, members who wish to participate will allow Kosciusko REMC to automatically round up their electric bills to the next highest dollar amount. For example, if your bill is \$68.51, your bill will be rounded up to \$69.00, meaning that month's contribution is 49 cents. If your bill is \$68.90, your bill will be rounded up to \$69.00 contributing ten cents.

The extra cents will then be put in Kosciusko REMC Operation Round Up Trust. The cost to you will be 99 cents or less per month and will average \$6 a year per member. Individually it doesn't sound like much, but collectively it adds up in a hurry. In 2017 alone over \$77,000 was collected and distributed to area groups in need through the program.

***If you have several accounts with KREMC, will each one be rounded up?***

Yes, any participation from our members is appreciated. However, if you'd like only one of your accounts rounded up, just let us know.



## DISTRIBUTING FUNDS

Any individuals or organizations in Kosciusko REMC's service area is eligible to apply for a grant from the Trust. Funds will not be used to pay utility bills or go towards political campaigns.

Examples of grants would be funding for fire department equipment, EMS, youth and school groups, youth camps, fundraisers for an individual's medical needs, foundations, senior citizen groups, and other various community programs and projects.

The funds will be awarded to nonprofit organizations in our service territory. Examples of past grant recipients include:

- Cardinal Services
- Combined Community Services
- Baker Youth Club
- The Center for Whitley County Youth
- Kate's Kart

A list of funds given out will be featured annually in Indiana Connection magazine and at [kremc.com/operation-round-up](http://kremc.com/operation-round-up). Until the funds are distributed, they will be held in a trust fund with the Kosciusko County Community Foundation.

For more information about this program, visit [kremc.com/operation-round-up](http://kremc.com/operation-round-up)



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