



Upper Peninsula Power Company

Donation and Sponsorship Contribution Guidelines

At UPPCO we believe in and support the things that matter most—healthy communities, quality education, protecting the environment, and building vibrant local economies. We aim to contribute to areas of need within, and to the betterment of the communities we serve.

UPPCO focuses its *Community Support* in five categories:

- **Arts & Culture:** We support projects that promote the arts, including theater, dance, music, and museums.
- **Community Development:** We support non-profit organizations that enhance the quality of life for residents. Applicants should describe how their program will contribute to the social welfare and/or economic growth of the community.
- **Education:** We support educational initiatives that provide support to underserved students, develop or expand curricular offerings, and support literacy and school readiness. We also support vocational training and STEM initiatives and programs that help build the skilled workforce of tomorrow.
- **Environment:** We protect and encourage the responsible use of natural resources and support efforts that foster the betterment of fish and wildlife, water and air quality, forested resources, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and recycling.

- Health and Human Services: We support recreational opportunities; the promotion of a healthy lifestyle; and, programming that serves limited-income, senior, and handicapped individuals.

What we do not fund:

- Individuals
- Private companies
- Operating expenses
- Government bodies and programs that are traditionally funded by the taxpayer
- Travel and accommodation expenses
- Churches and other religious organizations
- Political organizations
- Organizations that discriminate for any reason, including race, color, religion, creed, age, gender, national origin or sexual orientation
- National and international organizations that operate outside of our service territory and whose funds are not used to support our local communities
- Free electric service, moving of poles, or utility-related construction

All requests must include the following information:

- Organization's name, address, phone number, email, and contact person responsible for the request
- Name of umbrella non-profit organization, if applicable
- A brief overview of the organization's mission and history
- Project details (description, goals, and expected outcomes)
- Nature and amount of support being requested, how it will be spent, and a total budget for the project

- Completed W-9 form for current year (*we will request this separately once your request has been approved for support*).

If you have read our contribution guidelines and feel your request qualifies, use the link on the website to apply. Only requests submitted through our online application will be considered. Mailed or emailed requests will not be considered.

We may follow up on your request seeking additional information and may ask to visit the organization, meet program managers, or review your policies and procedures to determine whether support is appropriate. Organizations receiving support over \$1,000 may be requested to submit a follow-up report. Reports should include general project outcomes and results, photographs, printed materials, or other documents.

UPPCO reserves the right to amend, suspend or terminate the Donations and Sponsorship Contribution program at any time without prior notice.