



Donation and Sponsorship 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 contribute to eligible organizations and causes that operate in or directly benefit the communities to which we provide electric service.

UPPCO focuses its community support in five categories:

- **Arts & Culture:** We support projects and programs that promote the arts; including theater, dance, studio arts, 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, 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, e.g. utility bills, salaries, etc.



- 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
- Request 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
- How UPPCO will be recognized for its contribution
- Completed W-9 form for the current year

If you have read our contribution guidelines and feel your request qualifies, submit a donation request at <https://www.uppco.com/community/helping-our-community/>. Only requests submitted through our online application will be considered. **Mailed or emailed requests will not be reviewed.**

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, and other documents.

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