

Noble REMC Operation Round Up® FAQs and Opt-Out Form



Noble REMC's Operation Round Up® program encourages members to round up their electric bill to the next highest dollar with the money going into a fund for charitable community projects. This is a voluntary program (please notify us if you're NOT interested), which allows our members to pool their resources together to help those in need.

Q: What is Operation Round Up®?

A: It's an ongoing charitable fundraising program to benefit nonprofit community projects in Noble REMC's service area. Noble REMC members who round up their electric bills to an even dollar amount donate those funds.

Q: How does the program work?

A: Each month, participating members allow Noble REMC to automatically round up electric bills to the next highest dollar amount. For example, if your bill is \$68.51, your bill will be rounded up to \$69, meaning that month's contribution is 49 cents. If your bill is \$68.90, your bill will be rounded up to \$69, contributing 10 cents. The extra cents will be put in the Noble REMC Operation Round Up® Trust. The cost to you will be 99 cents or less per month and will average about \$6 a year per member. Individually it doesn't sound like much, but collectively it adds up in a hurry. On average, we give back around \$40,000 to our communities each year.

Q: Where and how will the funds be distributed?

A: Any organization or individual in 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 toward political campaigns. Grant application times will be announced.

Q: What are some possible uses for the fund?

A: Examples of grantees include first responders, youth and school groups, foundations, senior citizen groups and other various community programs, projects and events.

Q: How will we know where the funds go?

A: A list of the funds given out will be featured periodically in the Indiana Connection magazine, and there will be an annual report for the trust fund. Until the funds are distributed, they will be placed in a trust fund with the Community Foundation of Noble County.

Q: Who will administer the trust?

A: A seven-person volunteer board of directors from Noble REMC's geographic area will review the applications and make grant recommendations.

Q: What is the role of the Operation Round Up® Trust Board of Directors?

A: Separate from the Noble REMC Board of Directors, this volunteer board will evaluate applications made to the program and make recommendations for issuing of grants.

Q: If I have several accounts with Noble REMC, will each one be rounded up?

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

Q: What if I can't or don't want to participate in this program?

A: We realize that not everyone is able to participate in the program at this time. You may opt out of the voluntary program. However, if you do not notify us of your decision to opt out, you will automatically be in the program. You may opt out at any time in the future if your situation changes, or you may opt back in, as well. The easiest way to opt out is to clip the form below, fill it out and return it with your bill payment. (Please note: You ONLY need to fill this form out if you are choosing NOT to participate in the Operation Round Up® program.) You may also call our office at 800-933-7362 or email us at remc@nobleremc.com with your account number and name telling us of your desire to opt out.

*Cut along this line and complete the form below if you choose NOT to participate in Operation Round Up.
Mail to: Noble REMC PO Box 137, Albion IN 46701.*

NO, I do not wish to contribute to Operation Round Up®.

Name

Noble REMC Account Number (as it appears on your electric bill)

Signature

Date