



# SIREC Community Trust, Inc.



## Grant Application Guidelines

### Geographic Focus

Operation Round Up® provides funding assistance to approved eligible applicants located within the counties of Perry, Spencer, Dubois & Warrick served by Southern Indiana Power, Inc.

### Grant Cycles

Grant cycles occur every Spring and Fall, with applications due during the months of February and September. Actual deadlines vary, and are posted every grant cycle.

Board meetings are held in March and October.

### Applicant Eligibility

- Contributions will generally be made only to not-for-profit organizations, governmental entities, school districts or colleges that have been granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service 501(c) (3).
- The organization must contribute to the community's health and/or welfare.
- The organization's services must be non-discriminatory in nature.
- Scholarship applicants must be members of Southern Indiana Power.
- Awards for an individual/family, excluding scholarships, must be awarded thru a 501(c) (3) organization.

### Categories of Assistance

1. Community Based Programs and Emergency Services
  - Programs, projects and organizations that are important components of a community's overall quality of life, with emphasis on public safety, health care, self-sufficiency, and basic human needs.
    - Victim (abuse and crime) assistance programs
    - Emergency rescue health care equipment and transportation services
    - Local fire departments, rescue squads, law enforcement groups
  - Programs and projects that enhance the cultural environment of communities in our local area
2. Education and Youth Programs
  - School and academic enrichment programs.
  - Programs and projects designed to combat critical social problems affecting our youth, with an emphasis on children and teens at risk.
  - Programs and projects that promote youth wellness.
  - College scholarships (awarded during the Spring application process only).

### Evaluation Factors

The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of all funding requests:

- Potential benefit to members of Southern Indiana Power and the entire community.
- Level of community support for the program or project or the organization requesting the funds.
- Fiscal and administrative capability of the organization to deliver a quality service or program.
- Results that are predictable and can be evaluated.
- Applicant participation in Operation Round Up.

### Completing the Application

- ✓ Complete the application form in its entirety.
- ✓ Be sure to sign the application.
- ✓ A copy of the most recent fiscal year's financial statement must be attached. If the organization has an independent audit, a copy of that report should be attached.
- ✓ A copy of the organization's 501 (c) (3) status from the IRS must be included.
- ✓ A one page budget outlining the project of this request must be attached.
- ✓ A copy of the requesting organization's current fiscal budget should be attached.
- ✓ If you are requesting specific items, please attach a written quote from a vendor with a line item breakdown for each item. Pictures and/or specifications of the items are greatly appreciated when attached.

Deliver eight completed copies of the application and the necessary attachments to  
SIREC Community Trust Fund, Inc. c/o Southern Indiana Power, Inc.  
PO Box 219, Tell City, IN 47586

Questions may be directed to Amy Ramsey at 812.547.2316  
Additional information is available on our website, [www.sinpwr.com](http://www.sinpwr.com).