



PEC Community Grants

Program Description & Eligibility Requirements

Pedernales Electric Cooperative's (PEC) Community Grants program awards grants up to \$5,000 to eligible nonprofit organizations for qualified projects located within the PEC service area or in a community surrounded by the PEC service area. The grants are made possible by PEC members' participation in the [Power of Change](#) program.

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of the state of Texas, currently in good standing with the Texas Secretary of State and Texas Comptroller's office.
- Must provide current IRS documentation confirming tax-exempt status.
- Must not receive a majority of funding (51% or greater) from entities with taxing authority.
- Nonprofit organization must be located within the [PEC service area](#) or in a community surrounded by the PEC service area.
- Projects must be completed within 12 months of the date the grant money is awarded. If your organization is asking for partial funding of a larger project, you must include a total budget plan that clearly shows how you will complete the project within 12 months.
- Must not have received PEC Community Grants funding during the previous application cycle (funded organizations must sit out one application cycle before submitting an application for a new project).

PEC Community Grants **must** be used for the following:

- Capital improvements
- Technology
- Equipment related to energy efficiency

PEC Community Grants **cannot** be used to/for:

- Completed projects; debt reduction campaigns; building an endowment; land acquisition projects; scholarship programs; religious or church-sponsored facilities that are limited to church membership or projects that exclusively serve religious purposes; general operating costs; fundraisers; raffles; or ongoing projects, programs, or activities.
- Ineligible organizations include for-profit entities, individuals, and professional associations.



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Evaluation factors

- **Project value**
Emphasis will be placed on projects related to 1) renewable energy or conservation of natural resources, 2) lifesaving technology/equipment, or 3) primary service/resource provider in your area.
- **Project impact**
Preference will be given to projects that directly benefit a large number of members of the community as opposed to a project that impacts a smaller group.
- **Partnership and community involvement**
Preference will be given to projects receiving in-kind support or services.
- **Matching funds**
Preference will be given to projects that have at least 20% matching funds.
- **Community grant history**
Preference will be given to organizations that have not previously received PEC's Community Grants (funded organizations must sit out one application cycle before reapplying).
- **Project budget**
Organizations must provide a project budget that clearly shows the ability to complete financing for the project if the grant request does not cover the cost of the entire project. The application must also include bid proposals or estimates.

Application deadlines

There will be two funding cycles per calendar year: **April 1** and **October 1**.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on the day of the deadline. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is extended to the next regular business day. ***All application requirements, including IRS determination letter, must be received by 5 p.m. on the deadline date in order to be eligible.***

How to submit an application

Applications may be submitted to one of the following:

Mail

Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Attn: Caroline Tinsley Porter
P.O. Box 1
Johnson City, TX 78636

Email

communitysupport@peci.com



Organization information

Organization name: _____

Physical address: _____

Mailing address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PEC account number: _____ Number of clients served annually: _____

List the counties served during the past 12 months: _____

Is your organization the primary service provider or resource in your area? Yes No

Project information

The project must fit one of the following funding categories. Please mark the appropriate category below:

- Capital improvement Technology Equipment related to energy efficiency

Project title: _____

Project address: _____

Amount of grant request: _____ Total project cost: _____

How much will you contribute in matching funds? _____

Will the requested grant funds enable the completion of the project? _____

Have you received a PEC grant in the past year? Yes No

Please include the following information with your application

- Project description (two-page maximum)
- State your organization's mission
- Describe how grant funds will be used
- Explain how your project is related to one of the three funding categories listed above
- Demonstrate how your project positively impacts your community
 Project budget
Include documentation of costs (bids/quotes) and funding sources (private, local, federal, state, or municipal/county funding)
 List of board of directors with contact information
 Project timeline
Include project milestones as well as estimated completion date
 IRS determination letter

The organization has reviewed the PEC Community Grants program description and eligibility requirements and understands the information provided in this application is for the purpose of obtaining funding from the PEC Community Grants program. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information provided in connection with this application is true and complete.

Authorized representative of organization (print name): _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Signature: _____

Submit completed application by mail or email:

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