



# CONTINENTAL DIVIDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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## “Sharing Success” Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

*Deadline to Apply is 5 p.m., July 31, 2020*

For the ninth consecutive year, Continental Divide Electric Cooperative will award a charitable grant of up to \$5,000 to an active CDEC account holder and qualifying organization. The grant is made possible by CDEC’s governing Board of Trustees, in partnership with CoBank – a cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. Annually, CDEC contributes up to \$2,500 toward the “Sharing Success” grant, which CoBank matches dollar-for-dollar, to bring the total grant amount available up to \$5,000.

In general, CDEC account holders that are 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply. Select organizations that are not designated a 501(c)(3) may also be eligible. These organizations include schools and government organizations such as counties or municipalities and their agencies or departments, as long as the grant will be used to serve a public purpose consistent with program guidelines listed on the application. Organizations that are political in nature, limit their activities based on religious affiliation, or discriminate do not qualify. CDEC and CoBank reserve the right to review and determine whether requests are eligible.

If your organization meets the qualifications listed on the grant application and your grant request falls within the guidelines of the attached application, CDEC encourages you to complete the form and submit the required documentation **no later than 5 p.m., Fri., July 31, 2020.**

Applications are reviewed to ensure all conditions are met. CDEC’s Board of Trustees selects a winner based on recommendations from a committee. The committee ranks applications by lasting impact of the proposed project on its community and the application’s overall strength. The grant application chosen is then forwarded to CoBank for its review. Upon CoBank’s approval, CDEC will notify the recipient and full payment will be made within 60 days.

On behalf of Continental Divide Electric Co-op and its governing board, we look forward to the opportunity to support worthy organizations and their causes in the local communities we serve. Together, we make a difference.



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## 2020 CDEC-CoBank “Sharing Success” Grant Application Overview

**Purpose of the program:** “Sharing Success” is designed to highlight the critical role that cooperatives play in the U.S. rural economy. This year, CoBank has set aside a \$4 million fund to match charitable contributions by cooperatives, including Continental Divide Electric Cooperative.

### Eligibility requirements:

- In general, CDEC account holders that are 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply. Select organizations that are not designated a 501(c)(3) may also be eligible. These organizations include schools and government organizations such as counties or municipalities and their agencies or departments, as long as the grant will be used to serve a public purpose consistent with program guidelines listed on the application. Organizations that are political in nature, limit their activities based on religious affiliation, or discriminate do not qualify. CDEC and CoBank reserve the right to review and determine whether requests are eligible.
- Grant funds must be used to benefit a community or communities that receive service from Continental Divide Electric Cooperative in one, or more of the following (4) ways:
  1. With Respect to **Energy Efficiency** and/or **Renewable Energy** – Grant funds can be used for an organization’s project that promotes the efficient use of energy, such as weatherization. Funds can be used for planning, developing or constructing a renewable energy source.
  2. With Respect to **Education** – Grant funds can be used for an organization’s project that benefits students in grades K-12 or students enrolled in an accredited New Mexico college or university within CDEC’s service territory.
  3. With Respect to the **Environment** – Grant funds can be used for an organization’s project that benefits the environment.
  4. With Respect to **Economic Development** – Grant funds can be used for an organization’s project that promotes or creates economic development.

**Grant limit:** An organization can apply for a minimum grant of \$1,000 to a maximum grant of \$5,000.

**If grant is awarded:** Grant money must be used within 12 months of its award. A quarterly report on the grant project’s progress and a final report on the project’s outcome must be submitted. Continental Divide Electric Cooperative reserves the right to use photos and information about the grant award in its publicity.

**Deadline:** All applications must be received **no later than 5 p.m., Fri., July 31, 2020**, in order to qualify.

**Questions:** Contact Mac Juarez, CDEC Member Services Manager, (505) 285-6656, or [mjuarez@cdec.coop](mailto:mjuarez@cdec.coop)



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## 2020 CDEC-CoBank “Sharing Success” Grant Application Form

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:** Application must be received **by 5 p.m., Fri., July 31, 2020**, to qualify. CDEC reserves the right to change the deadline date without notice, if matching CoBank funds become limited, requiring CDEC to submit its grant recipient’s application at an earlier date to guarantee full funding. If you intend to apply for this grant, it is important that you contact CDEC Member Services Manager Mac Juarez by email at [mjuarez@cdec.coop](mailto:mjuarez@cdec.coop) This will ensure that CDEC makes an attempt to inform you, if the grant application deadline is changed.

Submit application in the form of a typed document. Provide **all** information requested below in Letters A through J. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Hand-deliver, mail or fax application to CDEC’s Grants office. Applications also can be emailed to CDEC Member Services at [mjuarez@cdec.coop](mailto:mjuarez@cdec.coop)

**A. Name of Organization\*:**

**\*If organization is a 501(c)(3), proof of tax-exempt status, including EIN, must be attached to application. If organization is not a 501(c)(3), please describe why you believe your organization qualifies, as a “select organization,” as defined in the Grant Application Overview.**

**B. Mailing Address:**

**C. Telephone Number:**

**D. Email Address:**

**E. CDEC Account Number for Organization:**

**F. Name of Primary Contact Person for Organization:**

**G. Name of Person Authoring this Application:**

(if different from primary contact person)

**H. Brief Description of Organization’s Mission:**

**I. Amount of Grant Requested:**

**J. Grants funds must be used to benefit a community or communities that receive service from Continental Divide Electric Cooperative in one, or more of the following (4) ways:**

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Please include a typed narrative that sufficiently describes how the intended use of grant funds will satisfy one, or more of the above. Attach any pertinent supporting documentation, such as renderings or financials. CDEC staff may also require you to produce additional documentation, or visit with staff in person or on the telephone during review of your application, in order for it to be considered.