



CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

AN ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

“Sharing Success” Grant Applications Now Being Accepted – Revised 4/14/22

Deadline to Apply is 5 p.m., July 1, 2022

For the 11th consecutive year, Continental Divide will award a charitable grant of up to \$5,000 to a qualifying nonprofit organization. The grant is made possible by the co-op’s governing Board of Trustees, in partnership with CoBank – a cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. Annually, Continental Divide 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, 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. Continental Divide 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, Continental Divide encourages you to complete the form and submit the required documentation **no later than 5 p.m., Fri., July 1, 2022.**

Applications are reviewed to ensure all conditions are met. Continental Divide’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, Continental Divide will notify the recipient and full payment will be made within 60 days.

On behalf of Continental Divide – an energy and telecommunications cooperative – 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.



“Sharing Success” Grant Application Overview – Revised 4/14/22

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 \$5 million fund to match charitable contributions by cooperatives, including Continental Divide.

Eligibility requirements:

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- Applicants must demonstrate how grant funds would be used to benefit a Continental Divide service community or communities in one or more of the following (4) categories:
 1. **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. **Education** – Grant funds can be used by a school or school-sanctioned organization within Continental Divide’s service area for a project that benefits students in grades K-12 or students enrolled in an accredited New Mexico college or university within the co-op’s service area.
 3. **Environment** – Grant funds can be used for an organization’s project that benefits the environment.
 4. **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 \$500 to a maximum grant of \$5,000.

If grant is awarded: Grant money must be used within 12 months of its award. Recipient(s) must submit a quarterly report on the grant project’s progress and a final report on the project’s outcome. Continental Divide 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 1, 2022**, to qualify.

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



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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: Application must be received by 5 p.m., Fri., July 1, 2022, to qualify. *Continental Divide reserves the right to change the deadline date without notice, if matching CoBank funds become limited and require the co-op 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 essential you contact Continental Divide Member Services Manager Mac Juarez by email at mjuarez@cdec.coop to ensure you receive notice, if the grant application deadline changes.

Submit application in the form of a typed document. Provide **all** information requested below in Letters A through I. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Hand-deliver, mail or fax application to our Grants office. Applications also can be emailed to Continental Divide Member Services at 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. Name of Primary Contact Person for Organization

F. Name of Person Authoring this Application *(If different from primary contact person)*

G. Brief Description of Organization’s Mission

H. Amount of Grant Requested

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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. Continental Divide staff may also require you to produce additional documentation or visit with staff in person or on the telephone during review of your application.