

# Noble REMC Operation Round Up®

The Noble REMC Operation Round Up® is a program that encourages members to round up “the change” on their electric bill to the next highest dollar with the money going into a fund for charitable community projects and area people with needs. This is a voluntary program, (**but you need to 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 non-profit community projects in the Noble REMC service area. Noble REMC customers who round up their electric bills to an even dollar amount donate those funds. Many rural electric cooperatives across the country have implemented the program.

Q: How does the program work?

A: Each month, members who wish to participate will 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 \$69.00, meaning that month's contribution is 49-cents. If your bill is \$68.90, your bill will be rounded up to \$69.00, contributing ten-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 to our communities around \$40,000 a year.

Q: Where and how will the funds be distributed?

A: Any organization or individual in the 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 towards political campaigns. Grant application times will be published.

Q: What are some possible uses for the fund?

A: Examples of grants would be to fire department equipment, EMS, youth & 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 **Electric Consumer** 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 Noble County Community Foundation.

Q: Who will administer the trust?

A: A seven-person volunteer board of directors from the Noble REMC 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 non-paid board will evaluate applications made to the program and make recommendations for issuing of grants. They will have a set of bylaws by which to operate.

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 willing or 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, then you will automatically be in the program.** You may opt-out at anytime 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 to Noble REMC, PO Box 137, Albion IN 46701. *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 (260-636-2113 or 800-933-7362) or email us at [remc@nobleremc.com](mailto:remc@nobleremc.com) with your account number and name telling us of your desire to opt-out.

We hope everyone will participate and continue to make this a tremendous community support organization.



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

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Please print your name

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Noble REMC account number as it appears on your electric bill

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Signature

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Date

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