



Our Mission is to enhance the quality of life in our communities

Grants are awarded to nonprofit, charitable organizations that provide humanitarian, educational or community development services within our 26-county area. A portion of the funds may be awarded to organizations that help individuals or families in crisis.

Grants are awarded by three independent boards of volunteer directors who evaluate every application in their region—north, central or south. They evaluate each application based on the specific project and unique needs of the region, looking for programs that enhance the quality of life in our communities by:

- Promoting good citizenship.
- Increasing the capacity of rural organizations to promote self reliance and independence.
- Supplementing local initiatives.

Grants may be awarded if they:

- Are one-time in nature, rather than on-going.
- Benefit a large number of people.
- Leverage funds from other sources.
- Distribute funds to organizations that help individuals or families in crisis.
- Help programs to increase their capacity to deliver services.
- Are for a non-profit or 501(c)3 organization.

Grants are generally not awarded for:

- Daily school operations.
- Normal operating expenses.
- Fundraising or political campaigns.
- Loans or deficit spending.
- Endowment funds.
- Retroactive projects.
- Individuals.
- Faith-based organizations*.

Every Great Lakes Energy Cooperative member may contribute to the People Fund by authorizing the cooperative to “round up” their bill to the next highest dollar (an average of 50 cents each month or \$6 per year). All contributions are tax-deductible. **There is no overhead.** All of the money contributed is returned to our local communities.

Contact us for more information, a grant application or to enroll:

1-888-GT-LAKES (888-485-2537)

gtlakes.com



*Faith-based organizations may receive funding for projects only if the project provides services to all community members, regardless of the community member's religious affiliation or participation, i.e. a food pantry, community dinner, etc..



Thank you for your interest in the Great Lakes Energy People Fund.

An application for the People Fund follows. Please download and review the [guidelines](#) (PDF document) before completing the application to ensure that your organization qualifies. Be sure to also download the Great Lakes Energy People Fund [Annual Report](#) for information on the grant regions and other details.

Grants are awarded three times during the year. Deadlines for receipt of applications are February 1, June 1 and October 1. Our volunteer directors will review your completed application within 4-6 weeks after the grant deadline and I will notify you as soon as they have reached a decision.

Each grant application is evaluated independently by the directors for the appropriate region--North, Central or South, as indicated in the Annual Report. They will evaluate the merits of each application based on the specific project and the unique needs of the region.

Please return seven (7) copies of the completed application and the requested documentation to me by mail. **We do not accept applications by fax or email.** The mailing address is: Great Lakes Energy, Shari Joles, PO Box 70, Boyne City, MI 49712. Applications can also be dropped off in person between 8a.m.-5p.m.to the Boyne City office location.

Feel free to call me at 1-888-485-2537, extension 1313 or email sjoles@glenergy.com, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Shari Joles
Vice President of Communications and Marketing
Great Lakes Energy



GREAT LAKES ENERGY PEOPLE FUND
1323 BOYNE AVENUE, P.O. BOX 70, BOYNE CITY, MI 49712
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APPLICATION FOR DONATION FOR ORGANIZATION/AGENCY

1. Name of Organization: (read grant guidelines to ensure you qualify)

2. Address:

Street or Post Office Box

City or Town

State

Zip Code

3. Phone #:

Daytime

Evening

Best Time to Reach

4. Contact Person:

Name

Title

Email address: _____

5. Total Project Cost: _____ Amount Requested from GLE People Fund: _____

6. Expected Project Start Date (grant is not for retroactive projects): _____

7. Expected Project End Date: _____

8. Detailed Use of Funds: (use additional sheets, if necessary)

9. What type of organization is applying?

Is the organization not for profit? YES NO

If no, is the organization for profit? YES NO

Is the organization a 501(c)3? YES NO*

If yes, please attach form 501(c)3 letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

If no, is your organization tax exempt? YES NO

*If no, please list how you are funded (i.e. city, county, township, state, federal, other). **Be specific:**

Additional details: _____

10. Attach these two things to this application:

-Financial statements (not tax returns), including sources of income, for two previous years. These can be internally produced financial statements. Statements generated by a CPA or other third party are preferred, but not required.

-A copy of your organization's by-laws.

PLEASE NOTE:

YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED IF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED.

11. Is your organization/agency receiving or requesting any other form of assistance or aid for above stated request (donation, grants, etc.)? _____Yes _____No If yes, please list:

12. Is your organization raising funds for this project through your own internal fundraising efforts?
_____Yes _____No. If yes, please describe:

13. Has your organization received or been denied any People Fund grants in previous years?

_____Yes _____No. If yes, please describe:

14. Check the counties from the Great Lakes Energy service area below that your organization serves and list the total number of individuals or families that is serves (approximately) in each county.

- Allegan _____
- Antrim _____
- Barry _____
- Charlevoix _____
- Cheboygan _____
- Clare _____
- Crawford _____
- Emmet _____
- Grand Traverse _____
- Kalkaska _____
- Kent _____
- Lake _____
- Manistee _____
- Mason _____
- Mecosta _____
- Missaukee _____
- Montcalm _____
- Montmorency _____
- Muskegon _____
- Newaygo _____
- Oceana _____
- Osceola _____
- Oscoda _____
- Otsego _____
- Ottawa _____
- Wexford _____

15. Number and location of individuals, families or groups your organization serves outside the Great Lakes Energy service area.

16. How many members (including officers and directors) of your organization are members (receive electricity) from Great Lakes Energy? _____

How many of these members of Great Lakes Energy participate in the People Fund by rounding up their bill to the nearest dollar each month? Please canvass your officers and directors and tell us how many of them are participating.

17. How can your organization help support and promote participation in the People Fund Round Up program? Please explain.

18. Will these funds be used to support any candidate for public office or any political purpose?
_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please explain.

19. How are your agency's programs measured for effectiveness?

20. Please list three references. (May not be a director or employee of Great Lakes Energy or the Great Lakes Energy People Fund.)

Name	Phone
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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Name	Phone
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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Name

Phone

Address

City

State

Zip Code

I represent that I am authorized by the named organization to make this application on its behalf and to make the assertions in this certification and to bind the organization accordingly. The information contained in this statement is for the purpose of obtaining funding from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund on behalf of the named organization. The undersigned understands that the information provided herein is used in deciding to grant funding, and represents and warrants that the information provided is true and complete and that the Great Lakes Energy People Fund may consider this statement as continuing to be true and correct until a written notice of change is provided. The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is authorized to make all inquiries it deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements made herein. I understand that these funds will not be used to support any candidate for public office or any political purpose. I understand that the Great Lakes Energy People Fund has the right to fully audit the use of this donation at any time. I also understand that Great Lakes Energy People Fund and Great Lakes Energy may use this application, if approved, for publicity and promotional purposes.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE/TITLE

DATE

CHECKLIST

Must be returned with application.

- _____ Filled out application completely, reviewed grant guidelines and previous annual reports. Return seven (7) copies of application to Great Lakes Energy.

- _____ Specific details for #8 Use of Funds – The board wants a detailed breakdown of costs for what is being requested (equipment, accessories, administrative expenses, etc. and/or documentation, bids or quotes).

- _____ Copy of IRS 501 (c)3 letter, if applicable. Return seven (7) copies.

- _____ Copies of your organization's financial statements for previous 2 years (1 copy needed. Do not submit tax returns).

- _____ Copy of your organization's by-laws (1 copy needed).

IMPORTANT

- Staple each individual application copy together. Do not paperclip. Do not submit in folders, plastic or 3-ring binders. No cover sheets should be attached to application copies.
- Additional brochures or materials must be attached to the back of the application.
- Email or fax applications and materials are not accepted.
- Deadline for receipt of application (not postmark date): Feb. 1, June 1, Oct. 1.
- Incomplete applications will be returned.
- Check back for updated grant application forms if you wish to reapply in the future.