



**Sumner-Cowley
Electric Co-op, Inc.**

Building on our past. Lighting the way to the future.

CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

GRANT APPLICATION & GUIDELINES

Applicant Information:

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Type of Entity:

☐ Nonprofit Organization (501 (c)(3))

☐ Other Nonprofit (please specify): _____

☐ School District ☐ Municipality/Government Agency ☐ Fire/EMS Department

☐ Church ☐ Community/Civic Organization

☐ Other: _____

Tax ID Number: _____

Project Information:

Project Title: _____

Funds Requested: _____

Please provide and attach your corresponding responses to the following questions:

1. Project Description (Brief Overview)
2. How does your project support values such as community involvement, shared decision-making, local engagement, and long-term sustainability?
3. Describe the expected impact of your project on the local community. How will it contribute to strengthening and benefiting the community as a whole?
4. Outline the financial plan for your project. How will you ensure its continued success and sustainability after the grant funding ends?
5. Outline your plan for implementing this project. What steps will be taken, and what is the timeline for completion? Are there any challenges you foresee, and how will you address them?
6. What sets your project apart from other similar initiatives?
7. What partnerships or collaborations will enhance your project's impact? Please list any organizations or individuals you will be working with and explain the role of each.
8. How does your project ensure equal opportunities and participation for all individuals?
9. Please provide an itemized cost breakdown for your project.

Additional Documents:

Please attach a W-9. Also include any relevant documents, timeline, letters of support, or any other materials that can help evaluate your project.

If your project is awarded funds, you will be required to submit an impact statement within 12 months of receiving funds.

Certification and Signature:

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail the application to:

Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Attention: Tanner Ford
PO Box 220
Wellington, KS 67152

Or you may send via email to tannerf@sucocoop.com

Thank you for submitting your application!



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About the Concern for Community Grant:

Guided by the 7th Cooperative Principle, Concern for Community, SCEC is committed to supporting the people and organizations that make our rural area a better place to live and work. The Concern for Community Program was established to give back to local organizations, through the use of discounted capital credits, reinforcing our dedication to the communities we serve.

A committee formed of one representative from each of our seven districts carefully reviews applications to ensure funds are used responsibly and effectively. To maintain accountability, grants are available only to organizations with proper accounting procedures in place, ensuring that every dollar is spent with purpose and integrity.

Applications are Evaluated Based on the Following Criteria:

Alignment with Cooperative Values	Does the project align with the cooperative's core values (e.g. democratic control, member economic participation, community focus, sustainability)?
Community Impact	How will the project benefit the local or cooperative community, especially underserved or marginalized groups?
Financial Stability	Does the project demonstrate a clear plan for long-term financial sustainability? Will it create lasting value for the cooperative and community?
Project Feasibility and Implementation	Is the project feasible within the given timeframe and budget? Does it have a clear realistic plan for implementation?
Innovation and Creativity	Does the project bring new ideas or innovative approaches that address a current challenge or opportunity within the cooperative or the community?
Collaboration and Partnership	Does the project involve partnerships or collaborations with other cooperatives, organizations, or stakeholders that strengthen the project's impact?

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	Does the project promote equity, diversity, and inclusion within the cooperative or community?
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Understanding the Seven Cooperative Principles

Cooperatives around the world operate according to the same set of core principles and values adopted by the International Co-Operative Alliance. These principles are a key reason why America's electric cooperatives operate differently from other electric utilities, putting the needs of our members first.

1	Voluntary and Open Membership	Membership in a cooperative is open to all people who can reasonably use its services and stand willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, regardless of race, religion, gender or economic circumstances.
2	Democratic Member Control	Cooperative are democratic organizations controlled by their members who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Representatives (directors/trustees) are elected among members and are accountable to them. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote).
3	Members' Economic Participation	Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital remains the common property of the cooperative.
4	Autonomy and Independence	Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.
5	Education, Training, and Information	Education and training for members, elected representatives (directors/trustees), CEOs, and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives.
6	Cooperation Among Cooperatives	By working together through local, national, regional, and international structures, cooperatives improve services, bolster local economies, and deal more effectively with social and community needs.
7	Concern for Community	Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership.