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LPEA Round Up Foundation Grants Over \$31,000 to Local Non-Profits

DURANGO, Colo. – The [LPEA Round Up Foundation Board](#) granted \$31,704 in funding to local non-profit organizations at its July, August, and September 2023 meetings. These grants are part of the board's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. Since the beginning of 2023, the board has approved 39 grants amounting to \$110,899. The grants aim to advance and support non-profit causes within La Plata and Archuleta counties.

The following non-profit groups have received funding this year:

- Archuleta Seniors, Inc.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW CO
- Boy Scout Troop 538: Christ the King Church
- Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County
- Calvary Presbyterian Church
- Dancing Spirit, Inc.
- Durango 9-R Food and Nutrition
- Durango Arts Center
- Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering Inc
- Durango High School
- Durango High School Parent Teacher Organization
- Durango Instrumental Music Booster Club (DIMBC)
- Durango PlayFest
- Durango Rocky Mountain Swimming
- Durango Trails
- Durango Wrestling Club
- Fort Lewis College Foundation
- Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center
- KUTE, Inc Public Radio
- La Plata Open Space Conservancy
- Local First Foundation
- Miller Middle School
- Music in the Mountains, Inc.
- Pagosa Community Initiative
- People Improving Communities and Kids Foundation
- Pine River Shares/Community Foundation Serving SW CO
- Region 9 Economic Development Dist of SW CO
- Riverview Christian Fellowship
- San Juan BOCES
- San Juan Symphony Chamber Singers
- Seed Studio
- Southwest Colorado Humanities Roundtable
- TARA Historical Society
- The Powerhouse
- Upper San Juan Search and Rescue
- Wildfire Adapted Partnership
- Women's Resource Center in Durango

[Round Up Grants](#) are made possible by the generosity of LPEA members, who choose to round up their electric bill each month to the next highest dollar. So far, approximately 16,943 LPEA

members have donated \$89,201 to the Foundation in 2023. Each month \$5,000 in Unclaimed Capital Credits totaling \$60,000 annually is also allocated by the LPEA Board of Directors to support [Educational Grants](#).

A percentage of Round Up Foundation funds is distributed to community assistance programs each year. In 2023, the Round Up Foundation allocated \$22,300 to the [Community Emergency Assistance Coalition](#) and \$7,403 to the Pagosa Outreach Connection to provide families and individuals with emergency assistance funds.

Grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in La Plata and Archuleta counties and usually range from \$500 to \$5,000. Application forms are available at lpea.coop/grant-programs.

LPEA members wishing to round up their bill can sign up on SmartHub or at lpea.coop/round-foundation. The average LPEA member contribution is just \$6.00 annually. Members can also elect to donate more each month if they would like to contribute additional money to local non-profits automatically.

About LPEA Round Up Foundation

Established in 1997, the LPEA Round Up Foundation is a non-profit, community-support fund for organizations and individuals in LPEA's service territory. A local, eleven-member volunteer board reviews applications and allocates funds. 100% of the tax-deductible donations stay in the communities LPEA serves. For more information, visit lpea.coop/grant-programs.

About LPEA

LPEA is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata, Archuleta, and segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to more than 48,000 meters. For additional information, visit lpea.coop.

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