Eligibility Grant Guidelines

To be considered for a grant from the Electric Company Charitable (ECC) Foundation, an organization must:

- be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code,
- not be classified as a private foundation,
- be based and serve communities within the service territory of El Paso Electric (EPE),
- align with our giving priorities which are Education, Economic Development, and Environmental Stewardship,
- provide active and substantial volunteer opportunities,
- provide a social media or traditional media component and/or overall joint visibility,
- provide an annual summary report that describes how the ECC Foundation grant will continue to make a valuable difference,
- be available to provide a presentation to the board of directors, if requested.

The ECC Foundation will **not** provide grants to:
- organizations or programs not located in or providing services within the EPE service territory,
- organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, disability status, national origin or ancestry, race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, workers' compensation status, veteran status, military service, genetic information, citizenship, or familial responsibilities
- organizations that do not have a volunteer leadership committee or volunteer Board of Directors,
- organizations that are political or partisan in purpose,
- sports teams,
- individual scholarships,
- public and private school-related activities outside of scholarships,
- endowment funds,
- travel or travel-related expenses,
- loans or investments,
- past operating deficits,
- religious organizations, churches and programs that are purely denominational in purpose,
- challenge grants.
- multi-year grants and capital campaigns are discouraged.

Application process:

- The ECC Foundation will only accept grant applications for programs and initiatives. Visit eccfoundation.org to access the grant application portal.
- Requests for sponsorships for events such as galas, fundraising, golf tournaments, etc. will not be accepted for review.
- Contribution levels will be determined by the ECC Foundation Board of Directors.

Grant cycles for 2024:

- Cycle I: Application portal will open Thursday, February 1, 2024, and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024.
- Cycle II: Application portal will open Monday, July 1, 2024, and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024.