



Powering Communities, Empowering Members

The generosity of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op members and their desire to better their communities allows the PIE&G Communities First Fund to fulfill its philanthropic mission of distributing funds to help individuals and organizations in need in our service area. Members volunteering to “round up” their energy bill to the next dollar (averages 50 cents monthly) provide funds overseen by a nine-member volunteer board of directors. Funds are given through an application process and allow small contributions to make a BIG difference in northeast Michigan. To those who participate in the fund—**THANK YOU!** For those who would like to join the cause and help their communities, please call the co-op office at 800-423-6634.

Sampling of grants awarded in 2011...

APPLICANT, PURPOSE	AMOUNT GRANTED		
United Way of NE Michigan, Project Connect-Montmorency Co.	\$1,500	Posen Area Fire & Rescue, Accident Scene Equipment	\$500
Rogers City Little League, Equipment and Uniforms	\$1,000	Great Start Collaborative of COP, Indian River, Back Pack & Go Project	\$750
Onaway Area Schools Library, Scholastic Reading Books	\$2,000	Onaway Area Comm Schools, Green Lab Equipment/Supplies	\$1,965
Lamplighters of Montmorency Co., Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$1,500	Posen Consolidated Schools, Anti-Bullying Program.	\$3,000
Johannesburg-Lewiston, High School Robotics Competition	\$500	Presque Isle County Sheriff's Dept., Equipment for K-9 Unit	\$1,204
Greenwood Twp Parks & Rec, White Pine Trail & Park Project	\$500	Inland Lakes Schools, Instructional Workstations.	\$2,300
Cheboygan Area High School, Project Graduation	\$500	The Caring Place, Atlanta, Food Pantry Supplies	\$1,500
Case Township, Carbon Monoxide Safety Protection	\$1,460	Calvary Episcopal Church of Hillman, Community Food Pantry	\$1,500
Winfield, Chelsea, 2011 Scholarship	\$2,400	Alcona Community High School, Woodworking Program	\$2,000
Strzelecki, Leann, Travis Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Hospice of Michigan, Alpena, Grief Support Program	\$1,000
Mulka, Tracy, 2011 Scholarship	\$2,400	North Country Animal Assisted Therapeutic Prog, Equipment	\$1,000
Belanger, Rachel, 2011 Scholarship	\$2,400	Metz Township, Posen, Metz Fire Historical Signage	\$3,600
American Legion Post 198, Lewiston, Pavilion/Storage Shed	\$1,000	Cheboygan Middle School Library, Kindles	\$310
Friends of Hoefft State Park, Playground Equipment	\$500	VSA Michigan-Northeast, Mackinaw City, Artistic Expressions Program	\$600
Village of Millersburg, Summer Recreation Program	\$350	Rogers City Elementary School, Fifth Grade Camp Wolverine	\$800
MSU Extension, Alpena, Fur, Fins & Feather 4-H Camp	\$413	Grand Lakes Community Chapel, Presque Isle, Food Party Equipment . .	\$1,330
		Fire/EMS Members Charity, Atlanta, Holiday Giving Project	\$1,000

**Presque Isle Electric & Gas Communities First Fund
Statement of Financial Position
Dec. 31, 2011 and 2010**

Assets	2011	2010
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 89,966	\$ 73,823
Cash – restricted	3,000	3,000
Account receivable	4,753	4,691
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 97,719	\$ 81,514
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 62,863	\$ 46,366
Unrestricted, designated	31,856	32,148
Permanently restricted	3,000	3,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	97,719	81,514
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 97,719	\$ 81,514
 Activities and Change in Net Assets		
REVENUE:		
Contributions – members	\$ 58,139	\$ 59,619
Contributions – PIE&G	9,564	12,907
Interest	136	265
TOTAL REVENUE	67,839	72,791
EXPENSES:		
Grants	35,395	33,932
Scholarships	6,500	7,100
Professional fees	2,500	2,400
Program expense	6,277	9,871
Director’s expense	962	856
TOTAL EXPENSE	51,634	54,159
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	16,205	18,632
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	81,514	62,882
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 97,719	\$ 81,514

Audit completed by Harris Group, Traverse City. Complete audit report available upon request.



Support for the Alcona Community High School After School Woodworking Program



Kindle e-book readers were purchased for Cheboygan Middle School Library



Food bags for Project Connect, United Way of Northeast Michigan

How Can I Help My Community?

The PIE&G Communities First Fund was created in 1998. The funds for this program are generated when PIE&G members volunteer to “round up” their utility bills to the next dollar. The average cost is 50 cents per month, or \$6 per year. All contributions are tax deductible.

You can participate by calling our Member Services Department at 800-423-6634, by mailing the coupon at right with your next payment, or enrolling online at pieg.com and clicking on “Contact Us”



I want to participate in the COMMUNITIES FIRST FUND. Please “round-up” my bill to the next highest dollar each month.

Name (please print) _____

Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Signature _____

Include this coupon in your next bill payment, or mail to:
PIE&G COMMUNITIES FIRST FUND, PO Box 308, Onaway, MI 49765