



Community Investment Application

NIPSCO 

Overview

NIPSCO has a long history of supporting the communities we serve. We believe reinvesting in the communities where we live and work will enhance the quality of life for all of us.

NIPSCO's Community Investment Program focuses on improving communities in Northern Indiana. We look for opportunities in the areas of education, environment, human services and community services.

Eligibility

The NIPSCO Community Investment Program accepts applications for \$500 and above submitted by non-profit organizations as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. Eligible organizations must serve the community without discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, national or ethnic origin and physical disability. The Program does not provide funding for: Individuals, Religious Organizations, Political Causes, Candidates, Organizations or Campaigns, capital project funding, amateur sports teams, purchase of uniforms or any organization owned or operated by a NIPSCO employee.

Application Process

Applicants are available online, by visiting NIPSCO's Website, www.nipsco.com, and should be submitted with supporting materials to:

NIPSCO Community Investment Program
801 E. 86th Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

Evaluating Application Requests

- Application requests for up to \$3,000 will be reviewed as they are received.
- The NIPSCO Community Investment Board quarterly reviews applications for request of \$3,000 or more.
- The review focuses on program quality, strategic potential, community impact/public benefit and program management.
- The NIPSCO Community Investment Program reserves the right to decline any request, change guidelines without notice or reduce any gift amounts in accordance with corporate budgets, program guidelines or conflict of interest with NIPSCO.

For Additional Information

NIPSCO has a network of Public Affairs managers that can provide additional information about the NIPSCO Community Investment Program and other NIPSCO giving programs available in the service area. For a listing of contact information, visit www.nipsco.com. Additional information about the NIPSCO Community Investment Program can be obtained by contacting NIPSCOQuestions@nisource.com.

About NIPSCO

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With over 712,000 natural gas customers and 457,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, NIPSCO is the largest natural gas distribution company, and the second largest electric distribution company, in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.8 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipsco.com.

Date: _____



Application for Community Investment Program

RETURN TO: NIPSCO - Communications & Public Affairs
801 E. 86th Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
or by email at mjpowrozek@nisource.com

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Tax Exempt ID Number: _____

(This is a requirement for any organization wishing to have their request reviewed by the Community Investment Board.)

1. What county will be receiving the major benefit from this contribution? _____

2. What is the total amount of your request? _____ \$

3. Below is a list of documentation needed to complete your grant application. Please include the following when submitting this application for review:

- IRS documentation of your tax-exempt status.
- Project Summary - including project objective, community impact, client base and expected results (one-page, single-sided narrative).
- Copy of organization's annual budget.
- Copy of project budget showing line-item breakdowns.
- List of other contributors to this project. Include organization's name, the year they will be paying out their contribution, and the amount they have committed to contributing. Your organization must have additional support for this request to be considered.
- List of organization's volunteer board membership. Include each board member's employer and employment title.
- Project Evaluation - describe in detail how you will evaluate the success of this project qualitatively and quantitatively.

4. Is your organization currently supported by United Way? Yes No

5. If yes, how much of your budget dollars are received from United Way? _____ \$

6. If NIPSCO has previously supported your organization, please list the last three significant project names, the dates of the contributions, and the amounts contributed.

Project Name	Date	Amount	Is this a multi-year contribution?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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In-Office Use Only

Community Relations Manager

Benefit to
NIPSCO:

Type of Recognition Received for Donation:

Manager, Communications & Public Affairs

APPROVED: as submitted

with revisions

Revised Amount: \$

Revised Term:

Approved by:

Date:

DENIED:

Denied by:

Date:

Reason for denial:
