



CPI Matching Funds Request Form

2026 Application Cycle

Cooperative Producers, Inc. (CPI) is proud to support the communities we serve through our annual CPI Matching Funds Program. In 2026, CPI is partnering with CHS, CoBank, and Land O'Lakes Foundation to further strengthen the impact of charitable giving across our local communities.

Through this program, our partners may match eligible cash donations made to qualifying organizations for projects that serve a public purpose and create meaningful local impact. Over the years, this program has helped support a wide range of community needs, and CPI is pleased to continue that tradition of cooperative support.

Matching funds are generally awarded to organizations with tax-exempt status under **Section 501(c)(3)** of the Internal Revenue Code. Schools and government entities (counties, municipalities, and their agencies or departments) may also be eligible, provided the request meets program guidelines.

Funding **will not** be awarded for direct assistance to individuals (including personal fundraisers), scholarships, trade or business associations, political or lobbying organizations, fraternal groups, or internships. Organizations that restrict services based on religious affiliation or that discriminate do not qualify.

The **2026 CPI Matching Funds Request Form** is included in this packet and is also available on the CPI website. ***All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2026.*** Requests received after this date will not be considered.

Completed applications must include the request form and either a copy of the organization's IRS tax-exempt determination letter or a completed W-9.

Applications may be submitted by email or mail to:

Email: donations@cpicoop.com

Mail: Cooperative Producers, Inc.

Attn: Katie Griess

PO Box 1008

Hastings, NE 68902

All applications will be reviewed following the submission deadline, and applicants will be notified of funding decisions by July 1, 2026.

Thank you for the work you do to strengthen our local communities. CPI appreciates the opportunity to partner with organizations making a positive impact where we live and work.

Sincerely,

Katie Griess

Advertising & Media Specialist

Cooperative Producers, Inc.

Application Information

Date of Application: _____ Total Amount Requested: _____

Recipient Organization Name: _____

Federal Tax ID (EIN) (Example 12-3456789): _____

Non-501(c)(3) organizations must provide a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) or EIN.

Name of Organization/Entity Associated with Tax ID (must match government records):

Checks will be issued to the organization or entity associated with the Tax ID provided.

Organization Type (check one) ☐ 501(c)(3) ☐ School ☐ Government Entity ☐ Other (may not qualify)

Required Documentation Needed for Consideration: ☐ IRS Tax-Exempt Determination Letter or ☐ W-9 Form

Organization Contact Information

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Use of Funds

Please describe your organization and how the matching funds will be used. You may attach additional information if needed.

Submission Instructions

Please submit the completed form along with required tax documentation by **March 31, 2026**.

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