



Community Fund Report for 2020

March 2021

As the chairman of the Mid-Ohio Energy Community Fund Board, it's my privilege to provide an update on the Community Fund for the past year. In 2020, many charitable efforts and community events were curtailed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This resulted in fewer overall applications, however, that did not diminish the impact that the Community Fund had in our communities. In fact, you could argue that some of these grants were more essential than ever.

The current Community Fund board consists of the following members, each representing one of the cooperative's nine trustee districts:

- District 1** - Shannon Kuhlman
- District 2** - Jolene Waitman
- District 3** - Amy Gregory
- District 4** - Curtis Byers
- District 5** - Rita Radway
- District 6** - Kip Criswell
- District 7** - Sharon Sanders
- District 8** - Dennis Swartz
- District 9** - Jennifer Imbody

Thank you to the aforementioned individuals, who work hard to maximize the Community Fund's benefit to the cooperative's communities. We also appreciate their flexibility in reviewing and awarding grants despite challenges posed by the pandemic.

This year's grants, similar to each year since the program's inception, have made a great impact in helping cooperative members and the communities in which they live.

In 2020, a total of 29 grants were awarded, for a total amount awarded of \$42,640.00. This past year, Community Fund grants have helped wellness centers, food pantries, parks, fire departments, libraries, youth groups, and many more.

Since the beginning of the program, a total of **\$631,590.31** has been invested in the lives of our members and local communities, with a total of **545** Community Fund grants given to date.

Currently, nine out of every ten members participate in the program. I would like to thank those participants for their generosity. Your contributions help bring your electric co-op even closer to the communities we serve.

The Mid-Ohio Energy Community Fund demonstrates the true power of electric cooperatives—banding together for the good of members and communities.

Thank you,

Curt Byers, Chairman
Mid-Ohio Energy Community Fund Board