

# Evergy Now Accepting Applications for Hometown Economic Recovery Program

*Program is part of Evergy's \$2.2 million pandemic community and customer relief effort*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Jun 1, 2020) - Evergy is now accepting applications for its Hometown Economic Recovery Program, which focuses on aiding nonprofit agencies in rebuilding their local economies. The Hometown Economic Recovery Program will award grants totaling \$800,000 to nonprofit agencies servicing clients within Evergy's territory in two phases.

“Our philosophy on community investment is simple -- when our communities are healthy, our company is healthy,” said Elizabeth Danforth, Evergy's director of public affairs. “This is a challenging time for so many in our region, so we've designed a program to help with short and long-term recovery efforts. Applicable programs could include workforce retraining and job placement to retention and attraction of business.”

The first phase of applications opens today, with applications accepted through Aug. 1. The second phase will open August and close in October. Nonprofit agencies, classified as 501c3 or 501c6, are eligible and can visit Evergy Hometown Economic Recovery Program to review and apply.

In May, Evergy committed \$2.2 million toward helping agencies, communities and customers respond to and recover from the current pandemic. This effort is the company's largest focused charitable investment to date.

In addition to the \$800,000 for economic recovery, the company has an ongoing \$400,000 emergency grant program and a \$1 million customer support program to help with bill payments. Agencies can learn more about and apply for our emergency grants on our website.

About Evergy, Inc.

Evergy, Inc. (NYSE: EVRG) serves approximately 1.6 million customers in Kansas and Missouri. We were formed in 2018 when long-term local energy providers KCP&L and Westar Energy merged. We generate nearly half the power we provide to homes and businesses with emission-free sources. We support our local communities where we live and work, and strive to meet the needs of customers through energy savings and innovative solutions

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