Evergy renews Hometown Grants for second consecutive year

Four winners to receive grant up to \$10,000 for community improvement project

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Feb. 20, 2023 – Last year, Evergy's Spread Good Energy Hometown Grants program helped several community groups with important projects and attracted more than 15,000 votes as supporters helped select the winning non-profit organizations. Interested non-profit organizations can apply today for a grant to support a project or program for their organization. Winning organizations will receive up to \$10,000 plus a day with Evergy employee volunteers to help with the project.

"We're looking for innovative projects that Spread Good Energy in our community!" said Elizabeth Danforth, director corporate social impact. "If you know of a non-profit agency that has a 501c3 designation in our service area, volunteer with one of these agencies or just want to spread the word, tell them to apply and let us know how we can help them spread good energy."

<u>Here is How it works</u>

- Non-profit 501c3 organizations can apply for a grant for a project by visiting our Spread Good Energy Hometown Grants website.
- Completed applications must be received by 5 p.m. on March 2.
- Evergy will select 10 projects to move to a public voting phase. Evergy will then ask customers/public to "vote" for their favorite project on Evergy's Facebook page. Voting will take place between March 10 and March 24.
- The top four projects receiving the most votes on Facebook will be declared the winners and will each be given up to \$10,000 for their project. The winning projects will be announced on March 28.
- Evergy volunteers will partner with the non-profit organizations to work on the projects April 14 30, 2023.



Project Examples

- Improve a community space that helps vulnerable and underserved populations.
- Build or enhance an environmental project such as a park, public garden or trails.
- Design a program to help stimulate workforce readiness or youth development.

2022 Hometown Grant recipients

- Noyes Home for Children Energizing the Preschool Playground, St. Joseph, MO
- Girl Scouts of NE KS and NW MO Building Strengths with New Climbing Wall, Tonganoxie, KS
- Kansas State Rose Gardens Bringing Life Back to the Rose Garden, Manhattan, KS
- Negro Leagues Baseball Museum Monarch Plaza Makeover, Kansas City, MO

Winning projects will demonstrate how the organization can use both the \$10,000 grant and a team of Evergy employee volunteers for one day. The one-day Evergy volunteer event will be coordinated and mutually agreed-upon by Evergy and the winning organization.

About Evergy, Inc.

Evergy, Inc. (NASDAQ: EVRG), serves 1.7 million customers in Kansas and Missouri. Evergy's mission is to empower a better future. Our focus remains on producing, transmitting and delivering reliable, affordable, and

sustainable energy for the benefit of our stakeholders. Today, about half of Evergy's power comes from carbonfree sources, creating more reliable energy with less impact to the environment. We value innovation and adaptability to give our customers better ways to manage their energy use, to create a safe, diverse and inclusive workplace for our employees, and to add value for our investors. Headquartered in Kansas City, our employees are active members of the communities we serve.

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