



MAKE YOUR DOLLARS GROW WITH YOUR GIFT

- Higher education
- Community foundations
- Food banks
- Homeless shelters

Matching Gifts Program for CMS Energy and its subsidiary companies through the Consumers Energy Foundation

MAKE YOUR DOLLARS GROW

Full-time employees and retirees of CMS Energy and its subsidiaries can make their money go farther when they contribute to qualifying educational institutions, food banks and homeless shelters in Michigan, and community foundations in states where the company has facilities.

Donations from full-time employees will be matched dollar-for-dollar and donations from retirees will be matched 50 percent by the Consumers Energy Foundation for gifts of \$25 or more, up to a combined total of \$1,000 per donor in any calendar year.

QUALIFYING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Matching gifts will be made to qualifying Michigan educational institutions which are:

- Graduate and professional schools
- Universities and four-year colleges
- Two-year junior and community colleges
- Vocational and technical institutions
- Organized alumni funds, foundations or associations that transmit contributions directly to the affiliated institution

QUALIFYING COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Matching gifts will be made to qualifying community foundations listed on the last page.

QUALIFYING FOOD BANKS

Matching gifts will be made to food banks and food pantries within the state of Michigan that have 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Churches and other religious organizations that have meal programs and food pantries are eligible, with the match to be designated specifically to support the food program/pantry.

QUALIFYING HOMELESS SHELTERS

Matching gifts will be made to homeless shelters and emergency shelters within the state of Michigan that have 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and provide a temporary or transitional place to stay for people who have no permanent housing (newcomers, people who are in crisis, or homeless individuals within the community).

ELIGIBLE GIFTS

- The Consumers Energy Foundation will coordinate and administer the Matching Gifts Program for gifts of \$25 or more, up to a combined total of \$1,000 per donor in any calendar year.
- Gifts must be in the form of a check or marketable securities and must be paid, not merely pledged. A gift of securities will be matched at the last quoted market value on the date the gift is made.
- Eligible donors may make unrestricted gifts or they may designate their gifts for special projects. Matching gifts provided by the Foundation will be unrestricted.

INELIGIBLE GIFTS

The Consumers Energy Foundation Matching Gifts Program will not match employee/retiree contributions for the following: Bequests; gifts from nonemployee spouses of eligible employees; insurance premiums; payments in lieu of tuition; amounts payable as subscription fees for publications; dues or gifts payable to national or local groups that are not

distributed to the affiliated institutions; payments to satisfy any legal obligation; gifts to organizations where admission or participation is restricted because of race or creed; gifts intended to fulfill pledges, tithes or other religion-related financial commitments.

APPLYING FOR A MATCHING GIFT

1. Eligible employees/retirees should complete Part A of this form and mail it with their gift to the eligible educational institution, community foundation, food bank or homeless shelter. Additional forms are available in the Human Resources offices of CMS Energy subsidiaries.
2. An authorized official of the educational institution, community foundation, food bank or homeless shelter should complete Part B of this form and mail it to:
Administrator
Matching Gifts Program
Consumers Energy Foundation
One Energy Plaza, EP8-210
Jackson, MI 49201-2276
3. Administrator will verify that the donor and educational institution, community foundation, food bank or homeless shelter are eligible. A check will then be issued matching the gift in accordance with the Program.

Donors will be notified only if their gift is ineligible for a matching contribution.

The Consumers Energy Foundation reserves the right to modify, amend or terminate the Matching Gifts Program at any time. The Secretary/Treasurer of the Consumers Energy Foundation is responsible for the interpretation, application and administration of this program.

A REMINDER

Your contributions to a qualifying educational institution, community foundation, food bank or homeless shelter generally will be deductible within certain limits for federal income tax purposes if you itemize deductions.

In addition, they also may qualify for a credit on your Michigan income tax return. The credit is generally equal to 50% of the first \$200 (\$400 for a married couple filing a joint return) of the contribution you make within the calendar year.

You should contact your tax adviser regarding the tax effects of your gifts.

Qualifying educational institutions, community foundations, food banks and homeless shelters receiving employee/retiree contributions during the last quarter of the year may not receive the matching gift until the first quarter of the following year.

**CONSUMERS ENERGY FOUNDATION
MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM**

PART A – DONOR:

Please complete Part A and send entire form with your gift to the educational institution, community foundation, food bank or homeless shelter.

Check one: Employee Retiree

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date: _____

I enclose my personal gift of \$_____ or _____ shares of _____ valued at \$_____ a share for a total of \$_____ to:

(Name of educational institution, community foundation, food bank or homeless shelter)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Work Location and Subsidiary: _____

Date of Employment/Retirement: _____

Employee Number: _____

I certify that all of the information given above is correct and that my gift fully complies with all provisions of the Matching Gifts Program.

Signature: _____

**PLEASE ALLOW FOUR TO SIX WEEKS TO
PROCESS YOUR GIFTS.**

**CONSUMERS ENERGY FOUNDATION
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**PART B – RECIPIENT INSTITUTION/
FOUNDATION:**

Please complete Part B and return entire form to:
Administrator
Matching Gifts Program
Consumers Energy Foundation
One Energy Plaza, EP8-210
Jackson, MI 49201-2276

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date: _____

(Name of educational institution, community foundation, food bank or homeless shelter)

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

We acknowledge receipt of a gift of \$_____

from _____

and certify that this educational institution, community foundation, food bank or homeless shelter meets the criteria established under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Signature: _____

Name: _____
(Please type or print)

Title: _____

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Date received by Foundation: _____



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**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATIONS
AND GEOGRAPHIC
AFFILIATE FUNDS**

The following are community foundations that qualify for the Consumers Energy Foundation's Matching Gifts Program. If you would like a copy of our brochure with details about this program, e-mail us at foundation@cmsenergy.com or call (517) 788-0432.

MICHIGAN

Albion Community Foundation
Allegan County Community Foundation
Saugatuck/Douglas Area Community Fund
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
Community Foundation of Plymouth
Ypsilanti Area Community Fund
Baraga County Community Foundation
Barry Community Foundation
Thornapple Area Enrichment Fund
Battle Creek Community Foundation
Athens Area Community Foundation
Homer Area Community Foundation
Springfield Community Foundation
Bay Area Community Foundation
Arenac County Fund
Berrien Community Foundation
Branch County Community Foundation
Cadillac Area Community Foundation
Missaukee Area Community Foundation
Missaukee Area Youth Fund
Canton Community Foundation
Capital Region Community Foundation
City of East Lansing Fund
DeWitt Area Community Fund
Eaton County Community Foundation
Lansing Fund
Leslie Community Fund
Meridian Township Fund
Ovid-Elsie Community Fund
St. Johns Area Community Fund
Williamston Area Beautification Fund
Charlevoix County Community Foundation
Community Foundation for Muskegon County
Community Foundation for Mason County
Community Foundation for Oceana County
Manistee County Community Foundation
Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan
Iosco County Community Foundation
North Central Michigan Community Foundation
Straits Area Community Foundation
Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan
Chelsea Community Foundation
Community Foundation for Livingston County

Community Foundation of Greater Flint
Clio Area Community Fund
Davison Community Fund
Fenton Community Fund
Flushing Community Fund
Grand Blanc Community Fund
Community Foundation of Greater Rochester
Community Foundation of Monroe County
Greater Milan Area Community Foundation
Community Foundation of St. Clair County
Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula
Alger Regional Community Foundation
Community Foundation for Delta County
Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Foundation
Les Cheneaux Community Foundation
Rudyard Area Community Foundation
Schoolcraft County Community Foundation
St. Ignace Area Community Foundation
Tahquamenon Area Community Foundation
West Iron County Area Community Foundation
Dickinson Area Community Foundation
Crystal Falls Area Community Fund
Norway Area Community Fund
Four County Community Foundation
Fremont Area Community Foundation (MI)
Lake County Community Foundation
Mecosta County Community Foundation
Osceola County Community Foundation
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, Inc.
Allendale Area Community Foundation
Coopersville Area Community Foundation
Grand Rapids Community Foundation (MI)
Cascade Community Foundation
East Grand Rapids Community Foundation Fund
Ionia County Community Foundation
Lowell Area Community Fund
Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation
Sparta Community Foundation
Wyoming Community Foundation
Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation
Greenville Area Community Foundation
Lakeview Area Community Fund
Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund
Hillsdale County Community Foundation
Huron County Community Foundation
Jackson Community Foundation
Kalamazoo Community Foundation
Covert Township Community Foundation
Keweenaw Community Foundation
Lapeer County Community Foundation
Leelanau Township Community Foundation, Inc.

Lenawee Community Foundation
M & M Area Community Foundation
Mackinac Island Community Foundation
Manistee County Community Foundation
Marquette Community Foundation
 Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund
 Gwinn Area Community Fund
 Negaunee Area Community Fund
Marshall Community Foundation
Michigan Gateway Community Foundation
Midland Area Community Foundation
 Clare County Community Foundation
 Gladwin County Endowment Fund
Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation
Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation
Roscommon County Community Foundation
Saginaw Community Foundation
 Chesaning Area Community Foundation Fund
Sanilac County Community Foundation
Shiawassee Community Foundation
Sturgis Area Community Foundation
 Constantine Area Community Foundation
 White Pigeon Area Community Foundation
The Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area
Tuscola County Community Foundation
 Cass City Booster's Club
 Greater Millington Area Fund

NORTH CAROLINA

Community Foundation of Burke County, Inc.
Community Foundation of Gaston County, Inc.
Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Inc.
Community Foundation of Henderson County, Inc.
Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.
Davie Community Foundation, Inc.
Foundation for the Carolinas
High Point Community Foundation
North Carolina Community Foundation, Inc.
Outer Banks Community Foundation
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina
The Winston-Salem Foundation
Triangle Community Foundation

UTAH

Foundation for the American West
The Community Foundation of Utah
The Park City Foundation