



## MAKE YOUR DOLLARS GROW WITH YOUR GIFT

- Higher education
- Community foundations
- Food banks

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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 and food banks 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.

### 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 or food bank. Additional forms are available in the Human Resources offices of CMS Energy subsidiaries.
2. An authorized official of the educational institution, community foundation or food bank 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. The Administrator will verify that the donor and educational institution, community foundation or food bank 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 or food bank 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 or food banks 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 or food bank.

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 or food bank)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Work location and subsidiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Employment/Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee number (last four digits): \_\_\_\_\_

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  
MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM**

**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 or food bank)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

We acknowledge receipt of a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_

from \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please type or print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR CONSUMERS ENERGY FOUNDATION USE ONLY**

Date received by Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_



CMS Energy  
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Jackson, MI 49201-2276

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**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATIONS  
AND GEOGRAPHIC  
AFFILIATE FUNDS**

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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](mailto:foundation@cmsenergy.com) or call (517) 788-0432.

**MICHIGAN**

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Albion Community Foundation  
Allegan County Community Foundation  
Saugatuck-Douglas Area Community Fund  
Anchor Bay Community Foundation  
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation  
Community Foundation of Plymouth  
Ypsilanti Area Community Fund  
Baraga County Community Foundation  
Barry Community Foundation  
Battle Creek Community Foundation  
Athens Area Community Foundation  
Homer Area Community Foundation  
Springfield Community Foundation  
Bay Area Community Foundation  
Arenac County Fund  
Bedford Community Foundation  
Berrien Community Foundation  
Branch County Community Foundation  
Cadillac Area Community Foundation  
Missaukee Area Community Foundation  
Canton Community Foundation  
Capital Region Community Foundation  
Eaton County Community Foundation  
Central Montcalm Community Foundation  
Charlevoix County Community Foundation  
Community Foundation for Muskegon County  
Mason County Community Foundation  
Oceana 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  
Fenton Community Fund  
Flushing Area 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 Troy  
Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area  
Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula  
Alger Regional Community Foundation  
Chippewa County Community Foundation  
Community Foundation for Delta County  
Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Foundation  
Les Cheneaux 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/Forest Park Area Community Fund  
Norway Area Community Fund  
Four County Community Foundation  
Fremont Area Community Foundation  
Lake County Community Foundation  
Mecosta County Community Foundation  
Osceola County Community Foundation  
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation  
Allendale Community Foundation  
Coopersville Area Community Foundation  
Grand Rapids Community Foundation  
Cascade Community Foundation  
Ionia County Community Foundation  
Lowell Area Community Fund  
Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation  
Sparta Community Foundation  
Wyoming Community Foundation  
Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation  
Griiot County Community Foundation  
Greater Frankenmuth Area Community Foundation  
Greenville Area Community Foundation  
Lakeview Area Community Fund  
Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund  
Hillsdale County Community Foundation  
Huron County Community Foundation  
Jackson County Community Foundation  
Kalamazoo Community Foundation  
Bangor Community Foundation  
Covert Township Community Foundation  
South Haven Community Foundation  
Keweenaw Community Foundation  
Lapeer County Community Foundation  
Leelanau Township Community Foundation  
Lenawee Community Foundation  
Livonia 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  
Shepherd Community Fund  
Northville Community Foundation  
Otsego County Community Foundation  
Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation  
Roscommon County Community Foundation  
Saginaw Community Foundation  
Chesaning Area Community Foundation Fund  
Sanilac County Community Foundation  
Shelby Community Foundation  
Shiawasee Community Foundation  
Southfield Community Foundation  
Sterling Heights Community Foundation  
Sturgis Area Community Foundation  
Constantine Area Community Foundation  
White Pigeon Area Community Foundation  
Three Rivers Area Community Foundation  
Tuscola County Community Foundation

## CALIFORNIA

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Amador Community Foundation  
Anaheim Community Foundation  
California Community Foundation  
Claremont Community Foundation  
Coastal Community Foundation  
Community Foundation for Monterey County  
Community Foundation of Mendocino County  
Community Foundation of the Napa Valley  
Community Foundation Silicon Valley  
Community Foundation Sonoma County  
Desert Community Foundation  
East Bay Community Foundation  
El Dorado Community Foundation  
Fresno Regional Foundation  
Glendale Community Foundation  
High Desert Community Foundation  
Humboldt Area Foundation  
Kern County Community Foundation  
Marin Community Foundation  
North Valley Community Foundation  
Orange County Community Foundation

Paradise Community Foundation  
Pasadena Community Foundation  
Placer Community Foundation  
Plumas Community Foundation  
Rancho Sante Fe Foundation  
Sacramento Region Community Foundation  
San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation  
Santa Barbara Foundation  
Shasta Regional Community Foundation  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
Solano Community Foundation  
Sonora Area Foundation  
Stanislaus Community Foundation  
The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County  
The Community Foundation serving Riverside and San Bernadino Counties  
The San Diego Foundation  
The San Francisco Foundation  
Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation  
Ventura County Community Foundation

## CONNECTICUT

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Branford Community Foundation  
Community Foundation for Greater New Haven  
Community Foundation of Greater New Britain  
Community Foundation of NW Connecticut  
Connecticut Community Foundation  
Eastern Connecticut Community Foundation  
Fairfield County Community Foundation  
Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation  
Sub of Bridgeport: Greater Windham Community Foundation  
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving  
Main Street Community Foundation  
Middlesex County Community Foundation  
New Canaan Community Foundation  
The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut

## NORTH CAROLINA

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Community Foundation of Burke County  
Community Foundation of Gaston County  
Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro  
Community Foundation of Henderson County  
Cumberland Community Foundation  
Foundation for the Carolinas  
Sub of Salisbury Community Foundation  
North Carolina Community Foundation  
Outer Banks Community Foundation  
Salisbury Community Foundation  
The Community Foundation of Davie County  
The Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina  
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina  
The Greater Greenville Foundation  
The Polk County Community Foundation  
The Winston-Salem Foundation  
Triangle Community Foundation