



## Vernon Electric Cooperative

*"Information for our member-owners."*

# \$29,000 Donated to Local Food Pantries, Fire and EMS Departments

Vernon Electric values the services provided by our local food pantries, fire departments and emergency medical service providers. We count on our local food pantries to help our members when times are tough. And we count on our local fire departments and emergency medical providers to work alongside our line workers during structure fires and vehicle accidents. Since we know linework is dangerous, it's comforting to know medical response teams are available in our time of need.

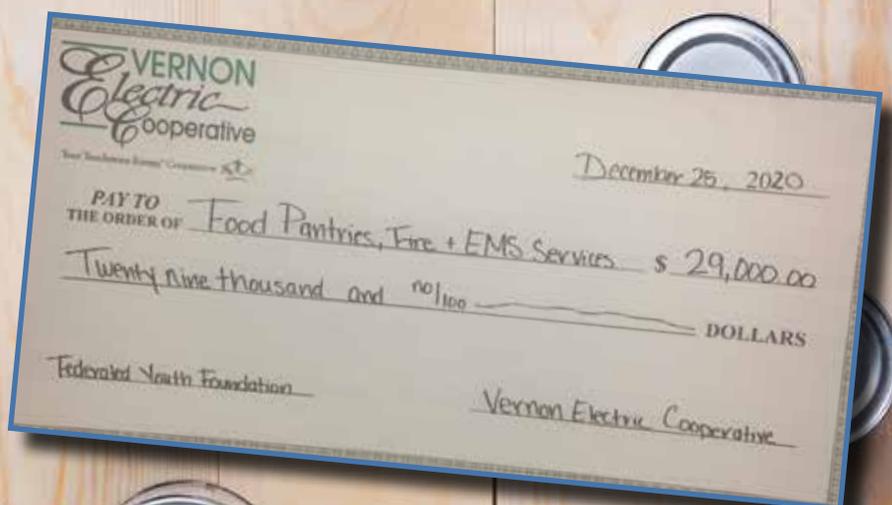
To show our gratefulness, the Vernon Electric Board has directed a total of \$29,000 to the nine food pantries and forty Fire and EMS departments in our service area. Each food pantry received \$1,000 and \$500 was given to each Fire and EMS department. The donations were made available from Vernon Electric's Federated Youth Foundation Fund. These funds come from unclaimed capital credits of the cooperative and can only be used for charitable purposes.

### Food pantries receiving donations:

- New Hope UMC Food Pantry, De Soto
- Stoddard Community Food Pantry
- Trinity UCC Food Pantry, La Crosse
- Cashton Cupboard & Closet
- Bethel Butikk Food Pantry, Westby
- Good Samaritan Food Pantry, Hillsboro
- La Farge FMC Food Pantry
- Living Faith Food Pantry, Viroqua
- Viola UMC Food Pantry

### Fire and EMS departments receiving donations:

- Cashton Fire Dept. & First Responders
- Coon Valley Fire Dept. & First Responders
- De Soto Fire Dept. & First Responders
- Elroy Fire Dept. & Ambulance
- Genoa Fire Dept. & First Responders
- Hillsboro Fire Dept. & Ambulance
- Kickapoo Valley Rescue Squad
- La Farge Fire Dept. & Ambulance
- La Valle Fire Dept. & First Responders
- North Crawford Rescue
- Ontario Fire Dept. & Ambulance
- Readstown Fire Dept. & Ambulance
- Shelby Fire Dept. & First Responders
- Sparta Area Fire District
- Stoddard-Bergen Fire Dept.
- Stoddard First Responders
- Union Center Fire Dept.
- Viola Fire Dept. & Ambulance
- Viroqua Fire Dept.
- Westby-Christiana Fire Dept. & First Responders
- Wheatland Fire Dept. & First Responders
- Wilton Fire Protection District
- Wonewoc Fire Dept. & Ambulance
- Yuba Fire Dept. & First Responders



# 2021 Energy Efficiency Incentives

Vernon Electric Cooperative has a robust energy efficiency incentive program and partners with others to offer extraordinary savings to you when purchasing energy efficient products:

- **Do Watt'S Right** – these are incentives directly from Vernon Electric
  - o [www.vernonelectric.org/rebates](http://www.vernonelectric.org/rebates)
  - o 800-447-5051



- **ElectricSense** – these incentives come from our wholesale power supplier, Dairyland Power Cooperative and are combined with the Do Watt'S Right program



- **Focus on Energy** – these state incentives are separate from Vernon Electric's, but you as a co-op member, qualify for these incentives. Some Focus on Energy incentives require your natural gas provider to also be a Focus on Energy partner. For liquid propane (LP) users, there still may be incentives available through Focus on Energy
  - o [www.focusonenergy.com/VernonElectric](http://www.focusonenergy.com/VernonElectric)
  - o 800-762-7077



- **Federal Tax Credits** – some energy efficiency improvements may allow you to take a tax credit on your 2021 federal tax return
  - o [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)
  - o Or contact your tax advisor



## Summary of Do Watt'S Right and ElectricSense Incentives for 2021: ENERGY STAR Appliances

- Clothes dryer – electric \$25
- Clothes dryer – heat pump \$50
- Clothes washer \$25
- Dehumidifier \$25
- Dishwasher \$25
- Freezer \$25
- Inductive range \$25
- Refrigerator \$25
- Recycling a freezer \$25
- Recycling a refrigerator \$25
- Recycling a room air conditioner \$25

## Energy Audits

- Implementing recommended improvements \$500 cap
- Compressed air audit \$500 cap

## Miscellaneous

- Controlled electric vehicle charging station \$400
- Flow restrictor for faucet \$1
- Flow restrictor for shower \$5
- Smart power strip/bar \$5
- Touchstone Energy New Home Program \$500

## Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning (HVAC)

- Heat pump – air source & mini-split \$250/ton
- Heat pump – geothermal \$500/ton
- ECM variable speed blower \$35

## Lighting

- LED bulb \$0.50
- LED fixture – per 800 lumens \$0.50
- LED exit sign \$5
- Occupancy sensor \$5

## Ag/Commercial/Industrial

- Commercial vending machine controls \$25
- Circulation or exhaust fan \$1/inch
- Electric forklift battery charger \$200
- Dairy plate cooler/well water pre-cooler \$500
- Dairy refrigeration heat recovery \$300
- Low/zero energy livestock waterer \$50
- Scroll refrigerant compressor \$30
- Variable frequency drive \$30

## Electric Water Heaters

Load management control is required on all water heaters except heat pump water heaters.

- Standard 50-74 gallon \$75
- Standard 75-99 gallon \$150
- 75-99 gallon with .90+ Energy Factor (EF) \$275
- 100+ gallon with .85+ EF \$400
- Integrated heat pump water heater \$300
- Solar 75-99 gallon water heater \$150
- Solar 100+ gallon water heater \$300
- Commercial 75-99 gallon \$275
- Commercial 100+ gallon \$400

## Electric Heat

Electric heat must be enrolled in an off-peak program on a separate meter.

- Electric Thermal Storage \$450 cap
- Electric plenum heater \$5/Kw

Conditions apply. See our website or give us a call for details.

# District Conference Being Held to Pick Director Candidates

Each year Co-op members in Divisions that have a board seat up for election, select representatives by mail ballot from their township to serve a 3-year term and attend the annual District Committee Conference. One of the jobs of these representatives is to select candidates to run for the open board seat in their Division. If you are interested in running for the Vernon Electric Co-op Board, and your Division seat is up for election, then you may want to contact one of the District Committee Delegates from your township to let them know you are interested.

## Board Seats Open for Election in 2021

- Division II: Towns of Harmony, Genoa, Wheatland, and Freeman (David Olson, incumbent Director)

- Division V: Towns of Greenfield, Washington, Portland, Leon, Sparta, and Wells (Daniel Korn, incumbent Director)
- Division VIII: Towns of Wellington, Forest, Union, Bloom, and Glendale (Richard Nemecek, incumbent Director)

To find a list of the 2021 District Committee Delegates on our website, visit [www.vernonelectric.org/events](http://www.vernonelectric.org/events), or call our office during business hours.

The 2021 District Committee Conference delegates will caucus on Thursday, February 11 to select candidates to run for open seats on the board.