



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN COBANK'S SHARING SUCCESS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

### Partnering with Our Customers to Build Vibrant Rural Communities

#### **Purpose of the Program**

CoBank's Sharing Success matching grant program is designed to celebrate the vital role that our customers play in their communities. Partnering with our customers to support the causes and organizations they care about most is a great way for CoBank to make a positive impact and fulfill its mission of service to rural America.

#### **Program Participant Eligibility**

Active cooperative customers, affiliated associations and other eligible customers are able to participate. If you have questions about your organization's eligibility, please contact your CoBank relationship manager.

#### **Application Timeline**

Sharing Success applications will be accepted beginning April 1, 2017 and will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis. Applications will be accepted through October 31, 2017 or the point at which the fund is exhausted, whichever comes first. Applications received after the October 31 deadline will not qualify for the 2017 program year.

#### **Gift Match Eligibility**

In general, contributions to any 501(c)(3) charity are eligible for match under the Sharing Success program. Select organizations that are not designated a 501(c)(3) may also be eligible. These organizations include schools and government organizations such as counties or municipalities and their agencies or departments, as long as the donation serves a public purpose and is consistent with the purpose and

guidelines of the Sharing Success program. Organizations that are political in nature, limit their activities based on religious affiliation, or discriminate do not qualify. CoBank reserves the right to review and determine whether requests are eligible for matching contributions.

Contributions must be made by the customer organization only. Contributions made by its employees or donations received from the customer organization's members are not eligible for match.

### **Number and Amount of Matching Contributions**

Each eligible customer may request a match for up to three contributions. The minimum contribution to each charitable organization is \$1,000 and the total of all gifts may not exceed the maximum of \$5,000.

### **Application Instructions**

Interested customers must complete the attached application form in its entirety. **Completed applications should be submitted to CoBank at [SharingSuccess@cobank.com](mailto:SharingSuccess@cobank.com).** A copy of the designated charity's IRS 501(c)(3) tax exemption notification must be included with the application. If the recipient organization is not a 501(c)(3), please submit the organization's TIN (taxpayer identification number), also referred to as an EIN (employer identification number).

Once an application has been reviewed and approved, a check will be sent to the customer for delivery to the recipient charitable organization.

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**If you have any questions regarding the Sharing Success program, please email [Sherry Johnson](mailto:Sherry.Johnson@cobank.com) at [sharingsuccess@cobank.com](mailto:sharingsuccess@cobank.com) or contact your CoBank relationship manager.**



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## NCC & COBANK SHARING SUCCESS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Recipient Charitable Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Identification\* \_\_\_\_\_

- I have attached a copy of the designated charity's IRS 501(c)(3) tax exemption notification.
- The recipient organization is not a 501(c)(3) charity. It's TIN (taxpayer identification number), also referred to as an EIN (employer identification number) is \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Applications which do not include tax identification information will be returned.**

Amount of Match Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Use of Gift (please describe the program or intended use of contribution) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date

**Return completed applications to:  
NCC, Attn: Angela Schepp  
P.O. Box 38, Ray, ND 58849 or [ncc@nccray.com](mailto:ncc@nccray.com)  
Application deadline is September 8, 2017**