UPSON EMC FOUNDATION
Funding Guidelines/Policies

I. Policy and Purpose

The Upson EMC Foundation, Inc. will be funded by Operation Round Up contributions from members of Upson EMC and from other sources of funds available to the Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation shall be the accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable purposes in the service area of Upson EMC.

II. Major Funding Categories

Although there are many worthy charitable, educational projects and community needs in our local area, the limited availability of funds requires us to establish funding categories as follows:

A. Community Service
   1. Programs, projects and organizations that are important components of a community's overall quality of life, with emphasis on public safety, health care and self-sufficiency.
   2. Programs and projects that enhance the cultural environment of communities in our local area.

B. Education and Youth
   1. School programs and projects with an emphasis on leadership, math, science and the arts.
   2. Programs that are designed to combat critical social problems affecting our children and youth, with an emphasis on children and teens at risk.
   3. Programs and projects that promote wellness and encourage youth participating in athletics and physical fitness activities.

C. Environment
   1. Programs and projects that promote community recycling and natural resource preservation.
   2. Community-based environmental quality education programs.

III. Funding Restrictions

A. Contributions to organizations will generally be made only to non-profits that have been granted tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Generally, contributions to organizations will not be made for:

   1. Payment of electric bills
   2. Lobbying, political organizations or campaigns

3. Fraternal and labor organizations
4. Fund-raising dinners, raffles and other events
5. Capital fund campaigns
6. National fund drives
7. Advertising
8. General operating expenses for public or private entities

B. Grant recipients cannot apply within one year of receipt of trust funds.

C. Grant recipients cannot receive grant funds more than 3 out of 5 consecutive years.

IV. Evaluation Factors

A. The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of all funding requests:
1. Potential benefit to area residents and the entire community
2. Level of community support for the program or project or the organization requesting the funds
3. Fiscal and administrative capability of the organization to deliver a quality service or program
4. Results that are predictable and can be evaluated

B. It shall be the responsibility of the Foundation Board to evaluate funding requests and to allocate contributions to accomplish the purposes and intent of these guidelines. These guidelines will be reviewed annually.