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Creating More Value for Members

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Texas state law allows TCEC and other electric cooperatives to retain 50% of unclaimed funds from capital credit checks that remain uncashed after three years. The three programs described below do not require subsidization from TCEC members and do not increase your bill.

Under Texas law, electric cooperatives can allocate a portion of these funds to support three key initiatives:

- Scholarships
- Energy Efficiency
- Economic Development

In September 2024, TCEC announced an improved college scholarship program, funded by these unclaimed funds, totaling \$250,000 in scholarships for 50 eligible graduating high school seniors.

Today, TCEC is introducing a new pilot energy efficiency rebate program, which will offer bill credits – fully funded by these unclaimed funds. These rebates will assist members who purchase new Energy Star certified products or have an HVAC tune-up performed in their home.

Later this year, another component to the Energy Efficiency program will be introduced, emphasizing weatherization.

These are just a few examples of how TCEC is actively using unclaimed funds, as permitted by Texas law, to support the community TCEC serves – without any cost to members

INTRODUCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES

Energy Star Certified Product Rebate

Get a **\$50 bill credit** when you purchase an Energy Star certified product.

Rebate Details:

- **Rebate Amount:** \$50 bill credit
- **Required Upload:** Receipt and Energy Star label
- **Receipt Date:** January 1, 2025 or later
- **Limit:** One rebate per location
- **Program Notes:** Limited funds available. This rebate is paid for by energy efficiency unclaimed funds, not your electric bill payments.

HVAC Tune-Up Rebate

Receive a **\$75 bill credit** for completing an HVAC tune-up with a certified technician.

Rebate Details:

- **Rebate Amount:** \$75 bill credit
- **Required Upload:** Itemized receipt showing all work completed by a certified HVAC technician
- **Receipt Date:** January 1, 2025 or later
- **Limit:** One rebate per location
- **Program Notes:** Limited funds available. This rebate is paid for by energy efficiency unclaimed funds, not your electric bill payments.

How Rebates are Funded

The Energy Efficiency Rebate Pilot Program is paid for using unclaimed funds, such as capital credit checks, that have not been cashed in three years. Texas law permits electric cooperatives to use a portion of these funds for limited purposes such as energy efficiency. These dollars would go to the state's general funds if TCEC did not repurpose them and reinvest the funds back into the local community.

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CEO Note

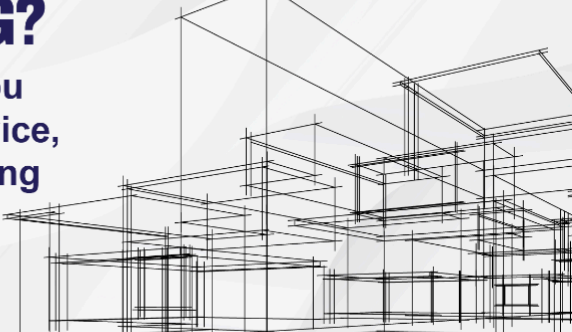
Tri-County Electric Cooperative (TCEC) focuses on improving *financial health* and *member service* to deliver on the mission of providing safe and reliable power at the lowest possible cost. Those two goals and that mission will remain unchanged year after year.

TCEC's fiscal year ended March 31, and within a few weeks, we will provide key updates on how this team performed during our first year together to fulfill the mission statement and deliver on those two strategic goals. I am excited to share these updates with you all soon.

BUILDING THIS SPRING?

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NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

April 2025

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LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

April 18, 2025

We are incredibly grateful for our linemen, who work tirelessly in all kinds of weather, ensuring our communities stay connected and powered every day.



Brazos Hardship Fund

The Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund, funded by Brazos Electric Cooperative, assists low-income residential cooperative members with monthly bill credits to help offset additional charges from Winter Storm Uri (Brazos Rider). Monthly credit amounts vary based on energy usage.

Click below to review eligibility requirements and apply.

[View Eligibility Requirements and Application](#)

ROUND UP FOR COOPERATIVE GIVING

By rounding up your monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar, your spare change will help provide financial assistance to local members in need. The average contribution amounts to about 50 cents per month or roughly \$6 a year. Collectively, these small amounts make a big difference in the lives of those in need.

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