



Dear Valued Customer:

We are delighted to announce the renewal of CoBank’s Sharing Success charitable contribution program. Under the program, CoBank allocates \$3 million annually to match charitable contributions by cooperatives and other directly eligible customers to nonprofit organizations in their local communities, up to \$5,000 per customer. For 2016, the program will launch on April 1 and run through October 31 or the point at which the fund is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Customer response to the Sharing Success program has been tremendous. Since its inception in 2012, CoBank and its customers have together generated approximately \$20 million in support for charitable organizations across the country.

Details about the program and an application form are contained on the pages that follow. We sincerely hope that your organization will take advantage of this important program and help us give back to people and communities in need across rural America.

With warmest regards,

Everett Dobrinski
Chairman

Robert B. Engel
Chief Executive Officer





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RENEWED FOR 2016!

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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, 2016 and will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis. Applications will be accepted through October 31, 2016 or the point at which the fund is exhausted, whichever comes first. Applications received after the October 31 deadline will not qualify for the 2016 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) are also 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 contributions.

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

Number and Amount of Matching Contributions

This year, CoBank has increased the number of charitable gifts that will be matched under the Sharing Success program. Each eligible customer may now 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.** 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.

If you have any questions regarding the Sharing Success program, please email Sherry Johnson at sharingsuccess@cobank.com or contact your CoBank relationship manager.

SHARING SUCCESS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Customer Information

Customer Organization Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name _____ Title _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

Matching Grant Request #1 *(If submitting more than one matching grant request, please include page 2)*

Recipient Charitable Organization Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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. Its 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 to the customer.***

Amount of Match Requested _____

Intended Use of Gift *(please describe the program or intended use of the contribution)* _____

I certify that this request meets all the conditions of the Sharing Success program outlined in this booklet and that a matching contribution has been made to the recipient organization.

Authorized Customer Signature _____

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Customer Number _____ Banking Group _____

Relationship Manager Name _____

Relationship Manager Signature _____

SHARING SUCCESS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Matching Grant Request #2 *(If needed)*

Recipient Charitable Organization Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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. Its 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 to the customer.***

Amount of Match Requested _____

Intended Use of Gift *(please describe the program or intended use of the contribution)* _____

Matching Grant Request #3 *(If needed)*

Recipient Charitable Organization Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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. Its 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 to the customer.***

Amount of Match Requested _____

Intended Use of Gift *(please describe the program or intended use of the contribution)* _____

CoBank will accept up to three matching requests per customer. The minimum eligible contribution to each organization is \$1,000, and the total of all contributions may not exceed \$5,000.