



ROUND UP FOR CHANGE POLICY

I. PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this policy is to set forth a guide to be followed by the City of Anoka in the management of the ROUND UP FOR CHANGE program, scheduled to begin January 2012. ROUND UP FOR CHANGE is a program that rounds utility customers' bills to the nearest dollar. These voluntary “round up” contributions are used to provide financial assistance to worth-while activities, organizations and community projects that improve the lives of families, children and seniors in our community.

II. PARTICIPATION

The program will be implemented as an opt-out type of enrollment. Current customers simply do nothing to participate and information is provided on how to opt-out. A brochure and opt out form is to be included with customers' utility bills for a 2 month period, notifying customers that the program begins January 2012.

New customers applying for utility service will be asked if they would like to participate. A customer can cancel at any time, and customers are given several quick and easy options to opt-out. If a customer cancels and requests a refund for prior donations, AMU will refund donations for a period of no more than 3 months.

III. USE OF FUNDS

Donations are non-tax deductible and become the property of the City of Anoka. Funds are to be used to provide financial assistance to worth-while activities, organizations and community projects that improve the lives of families, children and seniors in our community that provides basic human needs. The City must spend the funds in accordance with these guidelines and in compliance with laws governing public purpose expenditures of municipal governments. Any change in purpose must be communicated with participating customers prior to spending the funds.

Participating customers make up the entire AMU service area, which includes the City of Anoka and portions of Ramsey, Coon Rapids, Dayton and Champlin. The City will make every effort to disburse funds to programs, organizations and community projects impacting the entire AMU service area.

At least twice annually, information on the donations collected will be provided to the City Council, along with expenditure recommendations.

At least once annually, utility customers will be provided information on how funds have been used to make a difference in the lives of others in their community.

Policy History

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