



Sempra Energy Foundation To Donate Up To \$1 Million To California Nonprofits Impacted By COVID-19

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SDG&E and SoCalGas Each Donating an Additional \$1 Million to Support Hunger and Workforce Relief Causes

SAN DIEGO, March 23, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- [Sempra Energy](#) (NYSE: SRE) today announced that the [Sempra Energy Foundation](#) will donate up to \$1 million to help small to medium-sized nonprofits in California as they continue to serve critical needs related to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

"Many nonprofit organizations are faced with unprecedented demand for their services due to the current COVID-19 situation," said Dennis V. Arriola, board chair of the Sempra Energy Foundation, and executive vice president and group president of Sempra Energy. "These grants will help them to continue serving the needs of vulnerable populations who need their support now more than ever."

The grants for California nonprofits will be part of a larger \$1.75 million Nonprofit Hardship Fund from the Sempra Energy Foundation that will be made available to charities in the areas of the United States where Sempra Energy and its family of companies operate, including California, Texas and Louisiana.

"The Sempra Energy Foundation has stepped up to help California in a time of great need during this public health crisis," said Elise Buik, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Los Angeles. "I applaud their efforts to help the most vulnerable in our communities."

Sempra Energy's California utilities, San Diego Gas & Electric Co. (SDG&E) and Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas), have also set up funds to support their communities. SDG&E contributed \$1 million to launch the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund at the [San Diego Foundation](#). This fund will support nonprofit organizations that provide food, income and rental assistance to those disproportionately affected by the pandemic's economic consequences. Additionally, SoCalGas is donating \$1 million to local organizations supporting hunger and workforce relief causes. SDG&E and SoCalGas also are offering support to customers through existing funds at the United Way that offer assistance with utility bill payments for individuals and families in need.

The Sempra Energy Foundation's Nonprofit Hardship Fund will provide grants of up to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations serving populations affected by COVID-19. This could include, among other things: support for the increased volume of services being provided to clients, such as meals for homebound seniors; support for unexpected expenses associated with fulfilling those services; and/or support to sustain operations and services to populations impacted by COVID-19 amid pandemic-related cancellation of major fundraisers.

"It's wonderful to see a San Diego community partner like the Sempra Energy Foundation continue to be helpful and generous at a time when so many people are in a state of uncertainty and in need of help from our nonprofit organizations," said Father Joe Carroll of Father Joe's Villages at St. Vincent de Paul.

Visit the [Sempra Energy Foundation website](#) for information about the foundation's Nonprofit Hardship Fund, and to learn how to apply for a grant.

About the Sempra Energy Foundation

The Sempra Energy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation based in San Diego. The foundation was founded by Sempra Energy. As part of the company's commitment to investing in the communities it serves, the Sempra Energy Foundation and Sempra employees have donated more than \$100 million over the past five years.

About Sempra Energy

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These risks and uncertainties are further discussed in the reports that Sempra Energy has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These reports are available through the EDGAR system free-of-charge on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, and on the company's website, www.sempra.com. Investors should not rely unduly on any forward-looking statements.

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