



Sempra Energy Foundation Awards \$215,000 in Grants To Nonprofits Impacted By COVID-19



SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Jefferson & Orange Counties

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The Sempra Energy Foundation has awarded 12 grants to nonprofit organizations in Southeast Texas to support the increased volume of services provided to vulnerable individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

“For many nonprofit organizations, the COVID-19 pandemic is straining resources as demands increase,” said Dennis V. Arriola, board chair of the Sempra Energy Foundation, and executive vice president and group president of Sempra Energy. “The Sempra Energy Foundation grants are helping organizations provide critical services to those who have been significantly impacted by this pandemic.”

Sempra Energy Foundation

Founded by Sempra Energy, the Sempra Energy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation based in San Diego. 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.

Sempra Energy in Texas

Sempra Energy’s mission is to be North America’s premier energy infrastructure company.

In Texas, Sempra LNG is developing Port Arthur LNG in Jefferson County, and has begun construction on the relocation of Highway 87. Sempra LNG is also developing natural gas pipeline infrastructure in Jefferson and Orange counties.

Earlier this year, Sempra announced plans to open a regional headquarters in Houston to support our growing LNG business in the Gulf Coast region. Expected to open in late 2020, the new headquarters will serve as a “Center of Excellence” highlighting our innovative technologies.

Sempra Energy owns 80.45% of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, Texas’ largest transmission and distribution utility serving 3.6 million customers; and has a 50% interest in Sharyland Utilities, a transmission utility with facilities in South Texas.

Recipients of the Sempra Energy Foundation grants include:

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

of SE Texas: Virtual health & wellness checks with at-risk/foster children and their families, and delivery of care packages with food and other goods.

Inspire, Encourage, Achieve (IEA): Virtual counseling appointments with juveniles released from the justice system and tutoring for students enrolled in the Flexible Education Plan.

Julie Rogers Gift of Life: Free health & wellness testing and education, as well as breast and prostate cancer screenings for low-income and unemployed individuals.

Liberty Heights Community Center: Delivery of meals and health & hygiene supplies to Sabine Pass residents.

Nutrition Services for Seniors (NSS): Provide life-sustaining food to homebound seniors and disabled adults.

Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation:

Provide food to Lamar State College - Port Arthur students through its food pantry program, and bill assistance to those unemployed due to the pandemic.

Sabine Pass Education Fund: Purchase of technology tools for educators and students to engage in online learning.

Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeast

Texas: Counseling and wellness checks to individuals, children and their families.

Southeast Texas Circle of Hope: Delivery of food to underprivileged students and their families.

Southeast Texas Emergency Relief Fund

(SETERF): Purchase of grocery store and gas gift cards for low-income and recently unemployed individuals.

Southeast Texas Food Bank: Purchase of food for thousands of Jefferson County families.

Triangle Community Outreach: Purchase of fresh food and other supplies combined with food boxes from the Food Bank to be delivered to homebound seniors and disabled individuals.