

2024 Green Fund Impact Report



The Green Fund is a regenerative fund set aside for green projects within SMPA's service territory. Every dollar that goes into SMPA's Totally Green and Green Blocks programs contribute to a designated pool of money that supports local renewable energy generation, helps weatherize income-qualified homes, makes beneficial electrification projects possible through SMPA rebates and more.

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE for your neighbors across SMPA territory, from the West End, to Ridgway, to Silverton and everywhere in between. Your participation in the Totally Green or Green Blocks programs both powers your home with renewable energy AND fuels the fund forward. **THANK YOU!**

WHO LIVES IN SMPA TERRITORY?

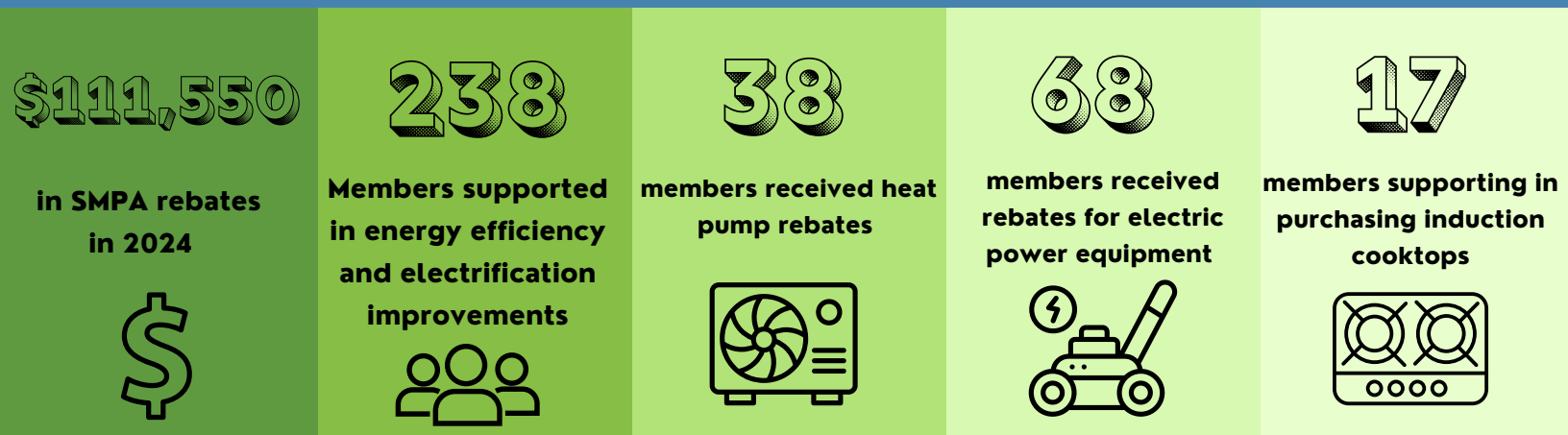
The individuals who choose to live in the rural and remote southwest mountains and mesas of Colorado are independent, resourceful and resilient. And yet, it's pretty hard to make it alone in this region. We depend on our neighbors to check the mail while we are away and in turn, we help them when their driveway needs to be shoveled. Living in rural and remote communities means that we are inherently connected to one another and our natural landscapes. In the same way, we share the atmosphere in our region; wildfire smoke and poor air quality can be felt across jurisdictional lines. We are connected by our watersheds. We are connected by infrastructure, the roads and power lines that make the flow of daily life work with ease. We can't help but be more resilient together.

THE GREEN FUND IS REVOLUTIONARY, FORWARD

THINKING, AND VISIONARY. It is designed to amplify community impact by doubling and tripling its contribution to initiatives through leveraged state and federal funding. For example, the match funds provided by the Green Fund have enabled microgrid planning and construction grants to be awarded to SMPA. This state grant funding from DOLA, in collaboration with the Green Fund, makes it possible to build innovative renewable energy infrastructure. Microgrid projects are just one example, along with SMPA rebates, the income-qualified weatherization program (CARE), and local renewable energy projects like the Paradox and Last Dollar solar projects and Coal Creek Micro Hydro. You'd be hard-pressed to find another rural utility cooperative in Colorado leading in the same way SMPA is with the Green Fund. It's a visionary model that works for all of us, no matter where we live in the region.



CARE participant with new cold climate air source heat pump



THANK YOU FOR BEING TOTALLY GREEN

So thank you for tapping in, raising your hand, and saying yes to the Green Fund. It's really incredible that you show up for your neighbors in this way and we'd like to express our gratitude to you for making the choice to support community-wide resilience.

