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## Voyager Youth – Adventures, Enrichment, Skills & Security, All in One

### SMPA GRANT HELPS PROGRAM MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR KIDS, TEENS, AND PARENTS

Science experiments, arts and crafts, swimming, hiking, climbing, gardening, fossil hunting, learning about space and building rockets. These are just a few of the activities in which Ouray County young people can partake if they're enrolled in the Voyager Youth Summer Enrichment Program.

If you are a working parent in Ouray County, you know the challenge of keeping your youth occupied and safe during the summer. Instead of staring at a screen or getting into trouble, they can be going on field trips to area museums, swimming venues or farms and animal shelters. Voyager Youth's After School Program (ASP) also provides daily homework and reading help, snacks, social learning, creative and outdoor play, and all for a price that's affordable for working families

#### How do they do it?

...with help, of course! Voyager Youth Program is a 501(C)3 organization that relies on government grants and private donations to continue its work. Last year, Voyager applied

for a SMPA 'Sharing Success' economic development grant. "Given the huge benefit that this program offers to Ouray County's working parents, we felt that it definitely served to support economic development," said Doylene Garvey, SMPA Board member and head of the Sharing Success Grant Selection Committee.

SMPA donated \$2500 to help support both Voyager's After School Program and the Summer Enrichment Program. As a Sharing Success Grant partner, our Cooperative Bank, CoBank made a dollar match, doubling the amount to \$5,000. Then, one of our wholesale power providers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, matched each dollar as well, bringing the total to \$7,500. 'Care for Community' is one of the main principles of cooperatives. It's great to join with these two cooperative partners, CoBank and Basin Electric, to help keep these enrichment programs going for our area youth and their working parents!



The variety of activities and ACTIVE play is amazing! Also the VALUE and timeframe is a LIFESAVER to working families. The staff was so enthusiastic and positive this summer, really added to the excitement and my child looking forward to each and every day. Thank you!

## Sharing Success Economic Development Grants



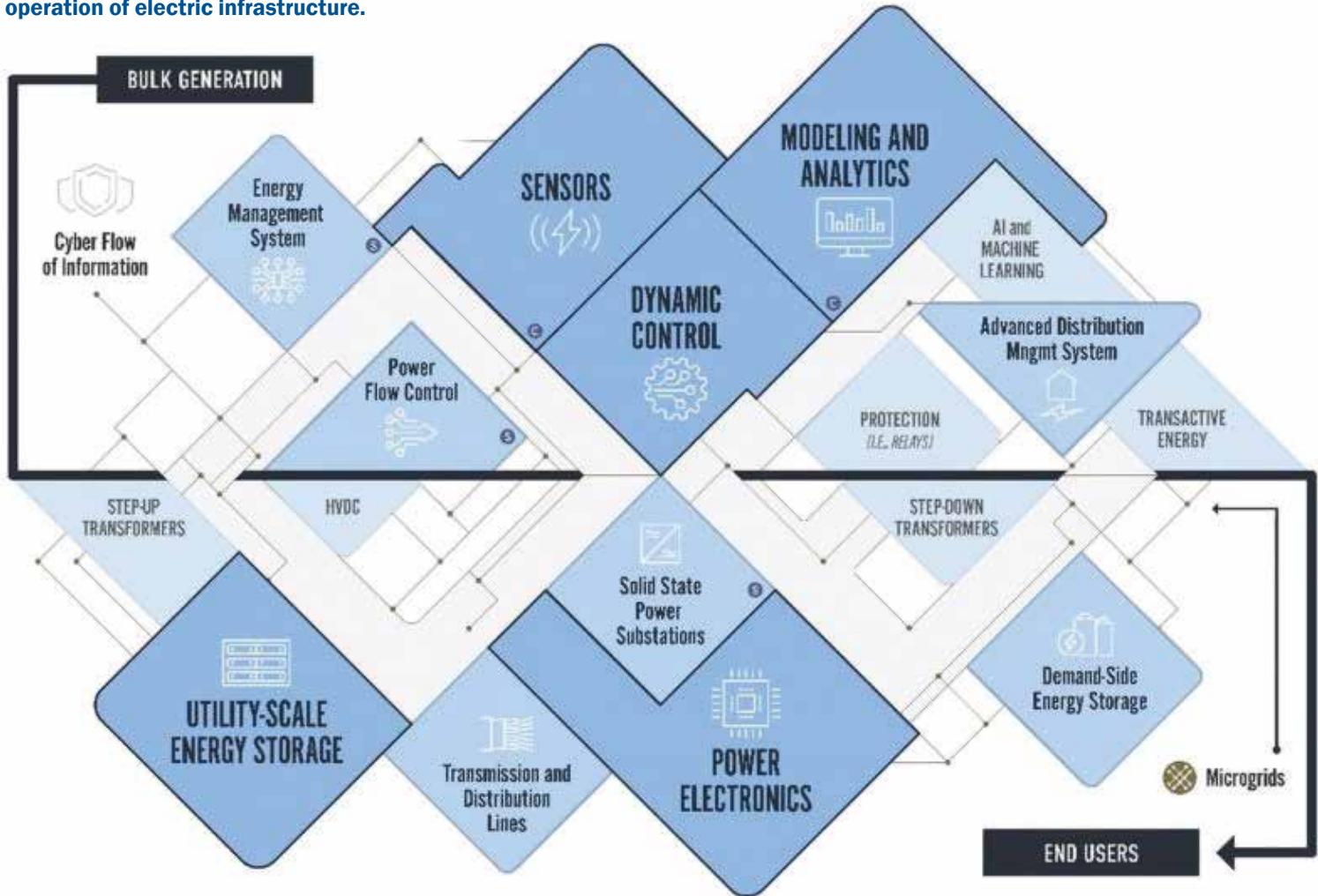
For the past seven years, San Miguel Power Association Inc., in conjunction with its national cooperative partner, CoBank, has sought funding opportunities that stimulate and enhance our local economies, and provided grant monies to authors of winning proposals. Do you have a project that stimulates your local economy?

Check [www.smpa.com/content/sharing-success-economic-development-grants](http://www.smpa.com/content/sharing-success-economic-development-grants) to learn about the next application cycle.

**Deadline: November 28, 2022**

# Bringing it all Together: Investing in the Grid of the Future

America is facing an era of rapid change along the entire energy system as we integrate more renewables and work to move affordable, reliable, and secure electricity to where it is needed most. These changes will dramatically affect the design and operation of electric infrastructure.



As shown in this infographic from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Electricity, these specific innovations include physical infrastructure technologies, such as the power electronics, lines, and substations that transfer power across the network, and energy storage that enables greater renewable deployment.

Here, in our territory, SMPA is continually working to modify our local grid to meet our members' demand for efficiency, carbon-reduction, and flexibility as they incorporate demand-side technologies, like net-metered solar power, electric vehicles, heat pumps and battery backup systems.

A grid that can manage all these new inputs will be vastly more complicated than it was originally built to be. It will require investment from all who'll enjoy its benefits. At SMPA, we look forward to partnering with our members to continue upgrading our infrastructure. Although the challenge is great, the power of cooperation can carry us into a better future.

## SmartHub Scavenger Hunt

Taking a tour of your tech is the best way to learn what it can do. Learn SmartHub the fun way with this Scavenger Hunt. You'll need access to [smpa.com](http://smpa.com), SmartHub on the Web, and SmartHub on your *mobile device* (If you don't have access to one of these, feel free to team up with someone who does.) Send us the solved puzzle, and be entered in to win an awesome prize!

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# SMPA POWER PLAY

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