

Safety First!

Dairy Farm Rewiring Grant Program

Wisconsin electric cooperatives have developed a uniform statewide farm rewiring program called *Safety First!*

The purpose is to assist dairy farmers with the cost of rewiring projects and to promote safety. Dairy includes sheep and goats as well as cows that are kept for the production of milk.

Grant Details:

- A grant is available for 20% of the project up to \$6,000 from WECA
- For an approved project totaling \$30,000, the grant will reimburse you \$6,000.

Requirements:

- Dairy farms only (including cows, goats, and sheep which are kept for production of milk)
- Existing farmstead
- Pre-program inspection
- Electrician's estimate



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Frequently Asked Questions:

How is the *Safety First!* grant program funded?

Wisconsin electric cooperatives contribute annually toward the grant money.

How long is this program available?

The program has been funded since its inception in November 2002 and continues to be a valuable benefit for dairy farmers making improvements to farm wiring.

How much assistance is available?

The grant amount is 20 percent of the total project, up to \$6,000.

What expenses are covered under the grant?

Labor and materials needed to rewire the farm are covered. Isolation transformers, rings of life, and other systems not defined in the National Electrical Code (NEC) are not eligible expenses under this program. New construction is not eligible.

Will funds be available to rewire my house as well as the barn?

Yes, if the service for the barn is serviced from the main panel in the house.

Will funds be available for partial rewiring projects on the farm?

If an approved state-certified inspector recommends a partial project to meet safety standards and the electric cooperative agrees there is a need to resolve safety concerns, partial projects may be approved. Pre-and post-inspections are required for all partial projects.

Who will do the electrical work?

The work must be completed by or under the direction of a licensed Master Electrician who has completed the Farm Rewiring Certification.

How do I apply?

Contact Price Electric Cooperative. PEC will schedule an appointment with an approved state-certified inspector and a representative of your cooperative to determine the extent of the project.

Are there any fees?

Yes. A pre-and post-inspection by an approved state-certified inspector are required. However, your electric cooperative will pay the costs.

What happens next?

You choose an approved electrician to give you a bid on the project, and you provide your cooperative a copy of the bid. If the bid meets the grant requirements, the project is given preliminary approval.

When will I receive the grant money?

Grant money will be given after a post-inspection when the wiring work is completed according to NEC, and all of the invoices and the wiring compliance statement are given to your electric cooperative.

What happens after the rewiring is completed?

Your cooperative will schedule the state-certified inspector to inspect the work and he/she provides written documentation that the work was completed according to NEC. You provide invoices from the electrician and the wiring compliance statement. Your cooperative sends a check request for the grant money and then reimbursement is sent to you.

