North Carolina’s electric cooperatives partner with the NC Department of Commerce, community and economic development organizations, and local governments to assist with job development and provision of essential community services to improve the quality of life for members.

Since 2012 N.C.’s electric cooperatives have participated in the financing of nearly 100 economic development projects with a total investment of more than $500 million and creating more than 2,500 jobs in rural parts of the state. N.C. Electric Cooperatives have been national leaders in channeling funds from USDA’s Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

For NC’s electric cooperatives, commitment to community means more than bringing new jobs. It’s also about educating the leaders of tomorrow, investing in public education, health and safety, and driving energy efficiency and renewable energy development.

Kenan Fellows
Co-ops partner with NC State University’s Kenan Fellows Program to make STEM lessons relevant for students.

NC Bright Ideas
NC teachers have received more than $11.5 million from co-ops in Bright Ideas grants for creative learning projects.

Jaycee Burn Center
Since 1972, NC’s electric co-ops have contributed more than $1.8 million to support the world-class Burn Center at UNC Health Care.

NC Youth Tour
High school students are selected annually by their local co-ops to study our history and meet elected officials in Washington, D.C.