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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Grand Valley Power Extends Bill Relief Fund into 2021**

Hometown Relief Fund to help members impacted by COVID-19 pandemic

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. - (December 29, 2020) – The Grand Valley Power Board of Directors has approved to extend the bill relief fund initially launched last April, through March 31, 2021. In these unprecedented times, members who have been impacted by the pandemic and are at risk for future disconnect due to financial hardships, are eligible to apply for the credit. The Grand Valley Power Hometown Relief Fund will assist qualifying members with a one-time \$100 bill credit that will be applied directly to their accounts.

"Our Board of Directors recognize the need to continue this support into 2021. We've allocated \$100,000 to help our members who are struggling financially and have issued almost half of these funds to-date," stated Christmas Wharton, Grand Valley Power's communications manager. "The fund is reflective of our mission. As a locally-owned cooperative, right now our greatest concern is our membership and the hardships they have faced from the coronavirus pandemic."

Applications can be found online at <a href="mailto:gvp.org/HometownRelief">gvp.org/HometownRelief</a> and can be submitted online, by mail, by phone or drop box. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and are subject to approval and available funds. Funds will be awarded until the approved amount has been exhausted.

All Grand Valley Power residential account holders (under FH-1 Tariff Rate Schedule) who demonstrate financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis are eligible for benefits from the Hometown Relief Fund.

For additional information on eligibility and payment arrangement opportunities, members should contact GVP at (970) 242-0040 or visit us online at <a href="mailto:gvp.org/HometownRelief">gvp.org/HometownRelief</a>.

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## **About Grand Valley Power**

Organized in 1936, Grand Valley Power is the first rural not-for-profit electric cooperative in Colorado. Serving over 18,000 customers within the Mesa County area, Grand Valley Power is dedicated to empowering lives with hometown service with safe, affordable, reliable electricity. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:gvp.org">gvp.org</a> or follow us on <a href="mailto:Facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="mailto:Twitter">Twitter</a>.

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