



LOOKING AHEAD:

WHAT YOUR CO-OP HAS PLANNED FOR 2026

A closer look at the projects, improvements, and member-focused initiatives approved in the 2026 budget.

Each year, Southeastern Indiana REMC builds a budget that reflects a simple promise: to provide safe, reliable electricity and high-quality fiber service to the members and communities we serve. With the Board of Directors recently approving the 2026 budget, we're excited to share what you can expect in the coming year.

From system upgrades and technology improvements to enhanced member services and new opportunities for fiber subscribers, 2026 is shaping up to be a year of meaningful progress across the cooperative.

Investing in Reliability for Every Member

Keeping the lights on—and keeping them on safely—is at the heart of everything we do. Much of the 2026 budget focuses on the electric system

that supports our seven-county service area. Key projects include:

- **New services** as our communities continue to grow.
- **Line conversion projects** to strengthen reliability.
- **Ordinary replacements and pole changeouts** to address aging infrastructure.
- **Targeted upgrades** in areas that experience heavier use or weather-related stress.

These system improvements help reduce outage time, improve performance during severe weather, and ensure we're meeting today's needs while preparing for tomorrow's.





Expanding SEI Fiber to Meet Demand

Members across our service territory continue to rely on SEI Fiber for work, school, streaming, and staying connected. The 2026 budget includes continued investment in:

- **Network expansion and system upgrades**
- **Improved customer onboarding**
- **Enhanced equipment and support options**
- **Community outreach and education to increase take rates**

Because SEI Fiber is a service of your cooperative—not a for-profit company—every improvement directly benefits you and your neighbors. When members choose SEI Fiber, they strengthen the co-op as a whole and help support reliable electric and broadband services for our entire region.

Better Tools, Better Communication

We know how important it is for you to get information quickly and easily—whether it’s about outages, fiber promotions, rebate programs, or upcoming events.

That’s why we’re continuing to invest in modern, easy-to-use communication tools. Following the successful launch of *REMC Connect* in January 2025, we’ll be enhancing digital content, refining the design and navigation of our website, and continuing to strengthen our presence on social media and community platforms.

You’ll also see continued campaigns around:

- **Energy efficiency rebates**
- **Connect to Save**
- **Ecobee smart thermostat incentives**
- **New and upgraded fiber packages and promotions**

Our goal is simple: make it easier for members to stay informed, connected, and engaged.

Supporting a Strong, Safe Co-op Team

Behind every line upgrade, service call, bill message, and fiber installation is a dedicated team of employees. The 2026 budget continues the co-op’s commitment to:

- **Safety training and equipment**
- **Professional development and certifications**
- **Tools and technology that help employees work more efficiently**
- **Strong internal communication and support systems**

These investments ensure that the people serving you have the knowledge, tools, and confidence to do their jobs safely and effectively.

A Commitment to Responsible Spending

As a member-owned cooperative, every dollar we spend belongs to the people we serve. The 2026 budget was built with long-term planning and financial stewardship at its core. By balancing essential system improvements with smart operational investments, we’re able to strengthen reliability, support fiber growth, and keep service affordable.

Ready for a Year of Progress

2026 will bring meaningful upgrades, improved services, and a continued focus on meeting the needs of our communities. Thank you for being part of a cooperative that believes in investing wisely, serving locally, and growing together.

As always, we’ll continue sharing updates throughout the year—here in *REMC Connect*, on our website, and across our social media channels—so you can see the progress taking shape across southeastern Indiana.

