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Making a Difference with REA's Operation Round Up®

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved \$12,970 to assist local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

REA's Operation Round Up Trust Board, a voluntary board of seven REA members, reviewed and considered 34 grant applications and distributed funds to 27 projects and programs this past quarter. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.2 million since the program's inception in 2003. In 2022, participating REA members contributed \$6.05 for the year. Proof that small change adds up. Best of all, 95% of all funds collected are distributed as grants.

The deadline to apply for the next round of funding is May 12, 2023.

Complete the application form at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

Grant Recipients:

FIRE DEPARTMENTS & FIRST RESPONDERS

- » Osakis Fire Department - communication update (\$1,000)
- » Holmes City First Responders - AED (\$1,000).

YOUTH

- » Hancock Post Prom - post prom prizes (\$200)
- » Osakis Post Prom - post prom prizes (\$200)
- » Alexandria Senior Graduation Party - prizes (\$200)
- » Brandon-Evansville Trapshooting Team - funds for target rounds (\$250)
- » West Central Area School Post Prom - games and activities (\$200)
- » MAHS Clay Target Association - reduce fees for participants (\$250)
- » Kid's Groundwater Festival - supplies (\$500)

FOOD SHELF

- » Long Prairie Emergency Food Pantry - food supplies (\$500)
- » Hoffman Kensington Area Food Shelf - food supplies (\$1,000).

SENIOR

- » Alexandria Senior Quilters - quilt batting (\$300)
- » Alexandria Senior Center - remodeling (\$450).

COMMUNITY

- » City of Farwell - AED battery and pads (\$320)
- » Andes Ski Patrol - defibrillator (\$500)
- » Douglas County DAC - provide inclusive opportunities for those with disabilities (\$500)
- » Alexandria Figure Skating Club - performance team (\$250)
- » Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235 - purchase/replace Honor Guard uniforms and flags (\$500)
- » Lake Ann Cemetery - weed control (\$300)
- » Someplace Safe Douglas Advocacy Office - Empowerment Group supplies (\$1,000)
- » Alexandria Gray Ladies - canteen supplies (\$450)
- » Wendell Legion & Auxiliary Post 426 - Veterans memorial preservation (\$300)
- » Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center - sound equipment (\$500)
- » Prairie Lakes Audubon Chapter - osprey nest platform camera (\$500)
- » Calvary Quilters - quilt batting and backing (\$300)
- » Productive Alternatives Alexandria Services - AED (\$500)
- » The Caring and Sharing Room - blankets and mattress pads (\$1,000).



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Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in February, front row from left to right: Chelci Gira, Productive Alternatives Alexandria Services Location; Kevin Weedman, Andes Ski Patrol and Leigh Nelson, Someplace Safe Douglas Advocacy Office. Middle row from left to right: Mary Betterman, Operation Round Up Board member; Shirley Ross, Alexandria Senior Quilters; Shelli-Kae Foster, Alexandria Senior Center; Michelle Simonson - Alexandria Senior Graduation Party; Debby Lacey, Hoffman Kensington Area Food Shelf; Kathy Blauert, Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center and Phil Aslagson, The Caring and Sharing Room. Back row from left to right: Rod Young, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235; Cheryl Gebhardt, Brandon-Evansville Trapshooting Team; Nancy Einerson, Calvary Quilters; Jessica Albertsen and Jerry Haggemiller, Kid's Groundwater Festival; Anita Sheehan, The Caring & Sharing Room and Karen Zwieg, Holmes City First Responders.

Calling all non-profit organizations!

Area organizations are encouraged to apply for Operation Round Up grants. The deadline for the next round of funding is May 12, 2023. Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com.