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## Small Change Can Make Big Changes with Operation Round Up®

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved **\$11,590** 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 23 grant applications and distributed funds to 21 projects and programs this past quarter. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.2 million since the program's inception in 2003. On average, participating REA members contribute \$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 August 11, 2023.**

Complete the application form at [www.RunestoneElectric.com](http://www.RunestoneElectric.com).

The following area organizations shared \$11,590 in grants.

### Grant Recipients:

#### FIRE DEPARTMENTS & FIRST RESPONDERS

- » Osakis Fire Department - tools for rescue truck (\$1,100)

#### YOUTH

- » Starbuck Police Department - Kids Safety Camp (\$1,000)
- » Alexandria Area High School Trap Team (\$250)
- » Osakis Trap Team (\$250)
- » Runestone Area Education District - wheelchair swing (\$1,260)
- » Alex Brush & Palette Club - youth art fair (\$280)
- » Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Elementary School - band instruments (\$600)

#### COMMUNITY

- » Bethel Memorial Cemetery - maintenance (\$300)
- » Bethel Cemetery Association - maintenance (\$300)
- » Trysil Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery Association - maintenance (\$300)
- » Alexandria Rotary Club - concert series (\$750)
- » Garfield Community Club - Garfield Days (\$300)
- » Van Loon Cemetery Association - maintenance (\$300)
- » Bohemian Independent Cemetery - maintenance (\$300)
- » St. Paul's Cemetery - maintenance (\$300)
- » Let's Go Fishing (Alexandra Area Lakes) - AED for pontoons (\$1,000)
- » VFW Coffee & Donuts for Veterans (\$500)
- » Selective TV - equipment (\$500)
- » Grant County Historical Society - community play (\$500)
- » Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County - construction equipment (\$500)
- » Life Connections - car seat program (\$1,000)



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## Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in June, from left to right: Barry Wahlberg, Operation Round Up Board member; Suzanne Sudmeier, Life Connections ; Jana Townsfeldt, Alex Brush & Palette Club; Janet Johnson, Operation Round Up Board member; Jill Ramey, Osakis Trap Team; Deb Anderson, Operation Round Up Board member; Bernice Trousil, Bohemian Independent Cemetery; Heather Smith-Ahrens; Marian Wrolson, Trysil Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery Association; Patty Benson, Grant County Historical Society; Carol Anderson, Bethel Memorial Cemetery Association; Ryan Franks, Starbuck Police Department; Julie O'Brien, Runestone Area Education District; and Dick Wittkamp, Ardie Piper and Sonya Anderson, Let's Go Fishing-Alexandria Lakes Area.

### 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 August 11, 2023. Application forms can be completed online at [www.RunestoneElectric.com](http://www.RunestoneElectric.com).