



DECEMBER 2023

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 \$14,800 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 46 grant applications and distributed funds to 32 projects and programs this past quarter. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.2 million since the program's inception in 2003.

The deadline to apply for the next round of funding is February 12, 2024.

Complete the application form at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

The following area organizations shared \$14,800 in grants.

Grant Recipients:

FIRE DEPARTMENTS & FIRST RESPONDERS

- » Garfield Fire Department (\$500)
- » Forada Emergency Responders (\$500)
- » Lowry Fire Department (\$500)
- » Villard First Responders (\$250)
- » Villard Fire Department (\$500)

YOUTH

- » Lakes Area Alpine Ski Team (\$300)
- » Toys for Kids (\$1000)
- » Alexandria MN Youth Football (\$300)
- » RUSC Kinship (\$250)

SENIOR

- » Central MN Elder Network (\$500)

FOOD SHELF

- » Outreach Food Shelf (\$1,000)

COMMUNITY

- » Central Lakes Concert Association (\$300)
- » Aeneas Cemetery Association (\$250)
- » Car Care Program (\$1,000)
- » Bit of Grace (\$500)
- » Honor Quilts (\$1,000)
- » Evansville Community Club (\$250)
- » VFW Post 936 (\$450)
- » Lands Cemetery Association (\$250)
- » Lake Amelia Cemetery (\$250)
- » Kensington Area Heritage Society (\$500)
- » Jingle Bells Foundation (\$750)
- » Radiothon to Prevent Child Abuse (\$500)
- » Rose Hill-Trinity Cemetery Association (\$250)
- » Central Lakes Search & Rescue (\$500)
- » True Friends (\$500)
- » Lakes Area Pride (\$300)
- » Wendell Merchants Santa Day (\$250)
- » Central Square, Inc. (\$150)
- » Lakes Area Archers (\$250)
- » United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties (\$500)
- » Tail-Wind Direction (\$500)



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Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Thumbs up to REA members who allow their bills to be rounded up to the next dollar! A record-setting 35 guests gathered at REA in early December to receive an Operation Round Up® grant for their organization. The average contribution in 2023 was \$5.91 for the year, with 65% of REA members participating. The next application deadline is February 12, 2024.

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 February 12, 2024. Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com.