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## Small Change Adds Up with REA's Operation Round Up®

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved \$11,000 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 26 grant applications and distributed funds to 23 projects and programs. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.2 million since the program's inception in 2003. On average, participating REA members contribute \$7.07 for the year 2023. Proof that small change adds up. Best of all, 96% of all funds collected are distributed as grants.

**The deadline to apply for the next round of funding is May 10, 2024.**

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

### Grant Recipients:

#### FIRE DEPARTMENTS & FIRST RESPONDERS

- » Carlos Fire Department - fire suppression & rescue equipment (\$1,000)
- » Lowry Fire Department - upgrade pagers (\$500)

#### YOUTH

- » Morris Area Post Prom - (\$200)
- » Osakis After Prom - (\$200)
- » Kid's Groundwater Festival - Kid's Water Festival (\$500)
- » WCA Post Prom - (\$200)
- » Brandon Evansville Post Prom - (\$200)
- » Douglas County Early Childhood Initiative - child care appreciation (\$400)
- » Alexandria Area Young Life - camp scholarships (\$600)
- » Minnesota 4-H (Stevens County) - 4-H citizen conference (\$500)

#### SENIOR

- » Alexandria Senior Center - 40th-anniversary celebration (\$500)

#### FOOD SHELF

- » Long Prairie Emergency Food Shelf (\$300)

#### COMMUNITY

- » Grant County Humane Society - spay or neuter clinic (\$500)
- » First Lutheran Mission Quilters - quilting material (\$300)
- » Alexandria Rotary - Summer Sounds by Brophy (\$750)
- » Saturday Art Market - advertising & musicians fees (\$300)
- » Red Willow Arts Coalition - July 4th Concert (\$500)
- » The Caring & Sharing Room - bedding for those in need (\$1,000)
- » Wendell Legion & Auxiliary Post 426 - community event (\$300)
- » Hoffman Harvest Festival - (\$250)
- » Pope County Humane Society - Neonatal Incubator (\$500)
- » Brandon History Center - Printer/Copier (\$500)
- » Someplace Safe Douglas Advocacy Office - Empowerment Group (\$1,000)



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## Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Front row l to r - Sandy Susag, Saturday Art Market; Jessica Albertsen, Kid's Groundwater Festival; Dana Lauer and Phil Aslagson, Caring & Sharing Room; and Jerry Haggemiller, Kid's Groundwater Festival. Middle row l to r - Echo Schaefer and Tabitha Van Horn, MN 4-H Stevens County; Joan Thompson, First Lutheran Mission Quilters; Shelli-Kae Foster, Alexandria Senior Center; Scarlet Bergstrom, MN 4-H Stevens County; and Rich Moen, Operation Round Up Trust Board Member. Back row l to r - Kalin Hacker, Carlos Fire Department; Chuck Wencil, Red Willow Arts Coalition; Tamie Lunceford, Someplace Safe Douglas County; Bill Glade, Saturday Art Market; Rich Duncan, Operation Round Up Trust Board Member and Troy Fuller, Brandon-Evansville Post Prom.

### 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 10, 2024. Application forms can be completed online at [www.RunestoneElectric.com](http://www.RunestoneElectric.com).