



June 2025

REA Members Support Their Communities!

Operation Round Up Distributes **\$21,450** in June!

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board approved **\$21,450** to assist local community programs during its quarterly meeting. REA's power supplier, Great River Energy, provided a \$7,162 donation to add to the total dollars available for grants. This was very helpful, considering that fifty applications were received this quarter, a new record number.

REA's Operation Round Up Trust Board, a voluntary board of seven REA members, reviewed and considered 50 grant applications and distributed funds to 43 projects and programs the second quarter of 2025. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.3 million since the program's inception in 2003.

The deadline to apply for the next round of funding is August 8, 2025.

Complete the application form at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

The following area organizations shared \$21,450 in grants.

Grant Recipients:

FIRE DEPART. & FIRST RESPONDERS

- » Carlos Fire Department - Hoses & equipment (\$1,000)
- » Lowry Fire Department - Upgrade Jaws of Life (\$1,000)
- » Osakis Fire Department - Ice Rescue Suit (\$1,000)

FOOD SHELF

- » Long Prairie Food Pantry - Food supplies (\$500)

YOUTH

- » Brandon-Evansville Trapshooting Team (\$300)
- » Boy Scout Troop 491 - Camping equipment (\$500)
- » Kid's Groundwater Festival - Local event (\$500)
- » Minnewaska Area Post Prom (\$200)
- » Morris Post Prom (\$200)
- » Community Preschool - Art supplies (\$300)
- » Alexandria Area HS Trap Team - Supplies (\$250)
- » Radiothon to Prevent Child Abuse - Local event (\$1,000)
- » Stevens County 4H - Clay target team (\$500)
- » Grant Co. Collaborative & Child Youth Council - Halloween carnival (\$500)
- » Alex Brush & Palette Club - Children's workshop (\$200)
- » Kalon Prep Academy - Post graduation celebration (\$300)

SENIOR

- » Hoffman Senior Living - Wandering garden (\$1,000)

COMMUNITY

- » Douglas County HRA - Security & utility deposits (\$500)
- » Trysil Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery - Maintenance (\$300)
- » Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters - Supplies (\$300)
- » Bethel Memorial Cemetery Association - Maintenance (\$300)
- » Lakes Area Human Society - Spay/neuter project (\$500)
- » Brandon Community Club - SummerFest (\$250)
- » Friends of Douglas County Fair - Kids play area (\$500)
- » Prairie Harvest Fest (\$250)
- » Explore Alexandria Tourism - AED project (\$500)
- » Prairie Woodcarvers - Supplies (\$500)
- » Indherred Lutheran Church WELCA - Quilting supplies (\$300)
- » Windmill Project - Events (\$500)
- » Christina Lake Lutheran Quilters - Supplies (\$300)
- » Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area - Boat storage (\$1,000)

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- » Garfield Community Club – Garfield Days (\$250)
- » Sharing Love & Hope – Summer food packs for kids (\$1,000)
- » St. Luke's Cemetery Association – Signage (\$300)
- » Peace Lutheran Cemetery – Maintenance (\$300)
- » Bethel Cemetery Association – Maintenance (\$300)
- » St. Paul's Cemetery Corporation – Maintenance (\$300)
- » Veterans Memorial Honor Guard – Uniforms & flags (\$1,000)
- » Van Loon Cemetery Association – Maintenance (\$300)
- » Love INC – Fuel/grocery cards (\$1,000)
- » Conexiones – 2025 event (\$250)
- » True Friends – Camp scholarships (\$500)
- » Elk Lake Beach – Slide replacement (\$500)
- » Someplace Safe – Empowerment group supplies (\$1,000)

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 8, 2025. Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

Operation Round Up® Group Photo



First row l to r – Cindy Townsend, Alexandria HS Trap Team; Sonja Anderson, Rodella Jacobson, Ardie Piper, Tudor Ledum and Allen Wittrock, Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area. Second row l to r – Terry Volker, Peace Lutheran Cemetery; Chelsa Glasser, Brandon Community Club; Christin Klimek, Lakes Area Humane Society; Joan Helgeson, Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters; Marion Wrolson, Trysil Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery Association; and Lisa Deputie, Radiothon to End Child Abuse. Third row l to r – Aaron Feltman, Love, INC; Suzanne Vold, Minnewaska HS Post Prom; Brian Dahl, Kid's Groundwater Festival; Jenna Crawford, Someplace Safe; Lindsey Gerdes and Katelyn Kotek, Douglas County HRA; Marlene Hippe, Indherred Lutheran Church Quilters; Elaine Kronberg, Alex Brush and Palette Club; Carol Anderon, Bethel Cemetery Association; Alma Contreras, Conexiones; Teri Shatek, Radiothon to End Child Abuse; Melisa Schueler, Community Preschool and Kayla Schneider, Radiothon to End Child Abuse. Fourth row l to r – Rich Moen and David Lundy, Operation Round Up Trust Board; Keith Schmidgall, Sharing Love & Hope; Nick McCollum, Radiothon to End Child Abuse; Jim Dyr Dahl, St. Luke's Cemetery Association; Rodney Young, Veterans Memorial Honor Guard, and Kalin Hacker, Carlos Fire Department.

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