



SEPTEMBER 2025

## REA Members Support Their Communities!

### Operation Round Up Distributes **\$11,550** in September!

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board approved **\$11,550** 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 31 grant applications and distributed funds to 24 projects and programs this past quarter. 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 November 7, 2025.**

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

The following area organizations shared \$11,550 in grants.

## Grant Recipients:

### **YOUTH**

- » Minnewaska Trap Club – Supplies (\$250)
- » Gobblers of Glacial Ridge - Kids Event (\$250)

### **FOOD SHELF**

- » Outreach Food Shelf – Food supplies (\$1,000)

### **FIRE DEPARTMENTS & FIRST RESPONDERS:**

- » Osakis First Responders – Medical equipment (\$500)

### **COMMUNITY**

- » KT Humble Hearts – Totes for the grieving (\$1,000)
- » Gospel Light Schoolhouse Hymnsing Group – Painting project (\$300)
- » Zion Lutheran (Quilters) Church – Quilting supplies (\$300)
- » Ever Bless Quilters Peace Lutheran Church – Quilting supplies (\$300)
- » Alexandria Branch of AAUS – Project Bookself (\$250)
- » Lakes Area DAC – Accessible bathroom (\$1,000)

### **COMMUNITY** *Continued...*

- » Minnewaska Lutheran Church Quilters – Quilting Supplies (\$300)
- » United Communities Advocating Non-Violence (UCAN) – Domestic abuse and violence awareness (\$1,000)
- » Life Connections – Buckle Up Baby project (\$1,000)
- » Elk Lake Area Improvement Association – Digital speed sign (\$1,000)
- » Mid-Minnesota K9 – Canine search specialist training (\$500)
- » West Central Area Charities FMSC Committee – Food packing event (\$500)

The following cemeteries received \$300 for maintenance and improvements:

- » Nora Lutheran Cemetery
- » Aeneas Cemetery Association
- » Hudson Cemetery
- » Lake Mary Cemetery Association
- » St. John's Lutheran Cemetery
- » West Lake Amelia Cemetery
- » Ness Cemetery Association.



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## Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Representing some of the organizations receiving REA Operation Round Up® grants in September include: First row l to r – Cassie Mead and Quill, Mid-Minnesota K9; Kathy Jacobs, Gobblers of Glacial Ridge; Abby Strom, Elk Lake Area Improvement Association; and Deb Hadley and Denise Hadley, KT Humble Hearts. Second row l to r – Joanne Nettetstad, United Communities Advocating Non-Violence (UCAN); Julie Desautels, Life Connections; Loris and Doris Weispennig, St. John's Lutheran Cemetery and West Lake Amelia Cemetery; Linda Meizhsner, Zion Lutheran Quilters; Lee Becker, Alexandria Branch – American Association of University Women; and Pat Soberg, Operation Round Up Trust Board. Third row l to r – Rich Duncan, Operation Round Up Trust Board; Bernice Wimmer and Stu MacKechney, Outreach Food Shelf; Jim Erickson, Aeneas Cemetery Association; and Shirley Ross, Hudson Cemetery.

### 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 November 7, 2025. Application forms can be completed online at [www.RunestoneElectric.com](http://www.RunestoneElectric.com).