



DECEMBER 2025

REA Members Support Their Communities!

Operation Round Up Distributes **\$18,400** in December!

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board approved **\$18,400** 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 37 grant applications and distributed funds to 33 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 February 6, 2026.

Complete the application form at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

The following area organizations shared \$18,400 in grants.

Grant Recipients:

YOUTH

- » Toys for Kids – Christmas Gifts (\$1,000)
- » BIO Girls – Participant scholarships (\$200)
- » Hancock Post Prom (\$200)
- » Vikingland Curling – Equipment for youth program (\$500)
- » Lakes area Alpine Ski Team – Equipment (\$400)
- » Alexandria MN Youth Football – Fieldhouse rental (\$300)
- » Vikingland Junior Shooting Sports – Equipment (\$500)
- » Discovery Days Preschool – Outdoor play gear (\$250)

COMMUNITY

- » Holy Quilters of St. John Nepomuk Church – Quilting supplies (\$300)
- » Honor Quilts of West Central MN – Quilting supplies (\$1,000)
- » Runestone Museum Foundation – Christmas in the Fort (\$500)
- » Legacy of the Lakes Museum & Gardens – Parade of Trees (\$500)
- » Friends of Christmas – Light parade and Garden of Lights Display (\$500)
- » Car Care Program – Car repair expenses (\$3,050)

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- » Osakis Women's Association – Season of Giving (\$600)
 - » St. Mary's Mission Quilters – Quilting supplies (\$300)
 - » Douglas County Library – Community outreach (\$500)
 - » Gather and Give – Program expenses (\$750)
 - » Calvary Lutheran Church Quilters – Quilting supplies (\$300)
 - » Alexandria Figure Skating Club – Locker room equipment (\$300)
 - » Kardinal Kitchen – Program expenses (\$750)
 - » Alexandria Small Mall – Christmas gifts (\$500)
 - » Wendell Santa Day – Gifts for children (\$250)
 - » Jingle Bells Foundation – Food and gifts (\$1,000)
 - » Kensington Area Heritage Society – Media upgrade (\$250)
 - » Love Inc. – Food relief (\$1,000)
 - » Grant County Humane Society – Cat enrichment (\$500)
 - » TAIL-Wind Direction – Greenhouse expenses (\$500)
- The following cemeteries received \$300 for maintenance and improvements:
- » Rosehill-Trinity Cemetery Association
 - » Lands Cemetery Association
 - » Lake Amelia Cemetery

Seniors

- » Central MN Elder Networ - iPad program (\$500)
- » Alexandria Senior Quilters - Quilting supplies (\$300)



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Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Some of the organizations receiving REA Operation Round Up grants in December include: First row l to r - Sandra Dunn, TAIL-Wind Direction; Amanda Gramm and Sara Nichols, BIO Girls; Dawn Daily, Douglas County Library; Shirley Ross, Alexandria Senior Quilters; Faye Giese, Lands Cemetery Association; and Ashley Bennett, Discovery Days Preschool. Second row l to r - Bob Friederichs, Kardinal Kitchen; Kris Chisholm, Car Care Program; Aaron Feltman, LOVE INC; Nancy Dobbett, Alexandria Small Mall; Hope Wilson, Vikingland Junior Shooting Sports; Barbara Haacke, Runestone Museum Foundation; Kari Gilbertson, Gather and Give, Inc; Stacy Helwig, Osakis Women's Association; Sharie Kalina, Theresa Tvrdik and Connie Faith, Holy Quilters of St. John Nepomuk Church and Laurie Lee, Grant County Humane Society. Third row l to r - Andy Balendy, Legacy of the Lakes Museum & Gardens; Pryce Score, Kensington Area Heritage Society; Todd Roth, Toys for Kids; Dean Blade, Rosehill-Trinity Cemetery Association; Mark Gibson, Lakes Area Alpine Ski Team and Scott Threimen, Vikingland Curling Club.

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 6, 2026. Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com.