



FEBRUARY 2026

REA Members Support Their Communities!

Operation Round Up Distributes **\$14,300** in February!

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board approved **\$14,300** 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 33 grant applications and distributed funds to 30 projects and programs. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.3 million since the program's inception in 2003. On average, participating REA members contributed \$6.50 in 2025. Proof that small change adds up. Best of all, 95% of all funds collected are distributed as grants.

The deadline to apply for the next round of funding is May 8, 2026.

Complete the application form at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

The following area organizations shared \$14,300 in grants.

Grant Recipients:

YOUTH

- » Brandon-Evansville Post Prom (\$300)
- » Alexandria Fastpitch Softball Association (\$300)
- » Alexandria Area High School Graduation Party (\$300)
- » Prairie Woodcarvers (\$500)
- » Alexandria Archery (\$500)
- » Junior Achievement North (\$300)

SENIOR

- » Osakis Senior Citizens (\$500)
- » Encore (formerly Alexandria Senior Center) (\$500)

Cemeteries

- » Geneva Cemetery (\$300)
- » Bethel Memorial Cemetery Association (\$300)

Food Shelf

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

COMMUNITY

- » Bit of Grace (\$500)
- » Saturday Art Market (\$500)
- » Alexandria Rotary Club (\$600)
- » Andes Ski Patrol (\$500)
- » The Caring & Sharing Room (\$850)
- » Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center (\$200)
- » Hoffman Harvest Festival (\$250)
- » Pope County Humane Society (\$500)
- » Ann Bickle Heritage House (\$500)
- » Red Willow Arts Coalition (\$500)
- » West Central Area South PTO (\$500)
- » Osakis Area Heritage Center (\$300)
- » Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area (\$1,000)
- » Our Savior's Ten Mile Lake Quilters (\$300)
- » Conexiones (\$300)
- » Alexandria Art Guild (\$500)

Fire Departments & First Responders

- » Osakis Fire Department (\$1,000)
- » Kensington Fire & Rescue (\$1,000)



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Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Representing Some of the organizations receiving REA Operation Round Up grants in February include: First row l to r – Pat Soberg, REA Operation Round Up Trust Board; Joan Helgeson, Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters; JoAnn Boyle, Ann Bickle Heritage House; Becky Christenson, Encore; Stephanie Olsen, Brandon-Evansville Post Prom; LeAnn Pasche, West Central Area South PTO; Judy Dvorsak, Osakis Senior Citizens and Osakis Fire Department; Shauney Gloege, Pope County Humane Society; and Gabby Rye & Amy VanValkenburg, Alexandria Archery. Second row l to r – Sonya Anderson, Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area; Peggy Lien, Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters; Phil Aslagson, The Caring & Sharing Room; Tudor Ledum, Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area; Pam Henrikson, Junior Achievement North; Sharon Fredrickson, Osakis Area Heritage Center; Sandy Susag & Mimi Seykora, Saturday Area Market; and Jim Stratton & Al Hanson, Alexandria Archery. Third row l to r – Richard Wittkamp & Allen Wittrock, Let's Go Fishing Alexandria Lakes Area; LeRoy Sanden, Viking Ukeleles; Tyler Byron, Alexandria Fastpitch Softball Association; Ed Schmidt & Julie Miller, Alexandria Art Guild; Stacy Aldrich, Junior Achievement North; Bonnie Schultz, Osakis Area Heritage Center; Chuck Wencil, Red Willow Arts Coalition; Paul Regnier, Alexandria Area High School Graduation Party; and Josh Chan, Bit of Grace. Fourth row l to r – David Kjos, Geneva Cemetery; and Roger Thalman, Prairie Woodcarvers.

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 8, 2026. Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com.