



JUNE 2024

REA Members Support Their Communities!

Operation Round Up Distributes **\$16,100** in June!

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved **\$16,100** 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 45 grant applications and distributed funds to 37 projects and programs this past quarter. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.2 million since the program's inception in 2003. On average, participating REA members contribute **\$6.08 for the year**. 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 **August 9, 2024**.

Complete the application form at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

The following area organizations shared \$16,100 in grants.

Grant Recipients:

FIRE DEPARTMENTS & FIRST RESPONDERS

- » Holmes City First Responders - Radios (\$700)
- » Glenwood Fire Department - ice rescue boat (\$700)

YOUTH

- » Minnewaska Area Post Prom - (\$200)
- » Northern Lights Council Boy Scouts of America - campership assistance (\$500)
- » Alexandria Area High School Trap Team (\$250)
- » RUSC Kinship Mentoring - Dolly Parton Imagination Library (\$250)
- » Douglas Area Trails Association - education materials (\$500)
- » Brandon & Evansville Summer Rec - summer programming (\$400)
- » Alex Brush & Palette Club - Youth Community Art Fair (\$200)

SENIOR

- » Osakis Senior Citizen's Club - community center improvements (\$500)
- » Western Prairie Human Services - Pope County TRIAD Senior Expo (\$500)
- » Lakes Area Age Friendly - awareness materials (\$200)

COMMUNITY

- » Trysil Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)
- » Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters - quilting supplies (\$300)
- » Life Connections - car seat program (\$1,000)
- » Piece Makers Quilt Group - quilting supplies (\$300)
- » Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center - community movie in the park (\$200)
- » Bethel Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)
- » Hello Neighbor - program sponsorship (\$500)
- » Prairie Harvest Fest - community event (\$250)
- » Sharing Love & Hope - summer food backpack program (\$1,000)
- » Prairie Community Services - CPR manikins (\$250)
- » St. Mary's Mission Group - quilting supplies (\$300)
- » Garfield Action Committee - playground project (\$500)
- » Conexiones - community event (\$250)
- » Rune Stone Days - fishing for life (\$250)
- » Let's Go Fishing - Alexandria Area Lakes - Veteran's Day on the Lake event (\$500)
- » Van Loon Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)

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Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in June, from back row l to r – Suzanne Vold, Minnewaska Post Prom; Rich Duncan and David Lundy, Operation Round Up Trust Board Members; Alec Swanson and Elliot Draz, Shield 616 MN Ride; Roger Thalman, Prairie Woodcarvers; Josh Whiting Shield 616 MN Ride; Nathan Eisel, Holmes City First Responders; Nicole Fernholz, Hello Neighbor; Heather Smith-Ahrens, Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County; and Amy Scholsser, Piece Makers Quilt Group. Middle row l to r – Ardie Piper, Sonya Anderson and Tudor Ledum, Let's Go Fishing – Alex Area Lakes; Joren and Hans Dahl, Alexandria Nordic Ski Club; Joan Helgeson and Bonnie Borgurd, Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Quilters; Kim Hanson, West Moe Church Community Barn Dance; Joy Wrolson, Trysil Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery Association; Carol Anderson, Bethel Cemetery Association; Alma Contreras, Conexiones; Debbie Lacey, Hoffman-Kensington Area Food Shelf; Diane Kittelson, Pope County Triad; and Pam Schjei, Brandon-Evansville Summer Rec. Front row l to r – Kathy Schlosser; Megan Hinrichs, Prairie Community Services; Kately Kotek, EmaJean Hanson-Ford and Linzey Gerads, Douglas County HRA; and Dianne Johnson, Hoffman Farmer's Market and Veteran's Memorial Committee.

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- » Douglas County HRA – security and utility deposits (\$500)
- » Prairie Woodcarvers – woodcarving tools for group classes (\$500)
- » Hoffman Farmer's Market – music and supplies (\$500)
- » Shield 616 – high-velocity bullet-proof vests for law enforcement (\$500)
- » Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County – educational banners (\$500)
- » Alexandria Nordic Ski Club – equipment (\$200)
- » West Moe Lutheran Church – community barn dance (\$200)
- » Hoffman Veteran's Memorial Committee – Veteran's memorial (\$500)
- » Garfield Community Club – community celebration (\$300)

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 9, 2024. Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com.