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**SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA REMC AWARDS \$52,809 TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

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In January, Southeastern Indiana REMC awarded \$52,809 in Operation RoundUp® grants to 26 recipients from across the cooperative's seven-county service territory.

Operation RoundUp® is an ongoing charitable fundraising program to benefit worthwhile community projects. A nine-person volunteer board of trustees administers the funds, which are kept in the Southeastern Indiana REMC Community Fund until they are disbursed.

“These grants are made possible by the generosity of co-op members who opt to round their electric bill up to the next whole dollar each month,” said Keith Mathews, General Manager. “This is a voluntary program. Members can opt in or out of the program at any time.”

Applicants must be 501C groups or organizations and must meet the eligibility requirements defined in the program guidelines. For the most part, funds will be granted to meet the needs of applicants that are not being met through other sources.

“These funds will not be used to pay utility bills, nor will they go towards political campaigns,” said Mathews.

The next opportunity to apply for an Operation Round Up® grant is June 2023.

For more information about the Operation Round Up® program, visit <https://www.seiremc.com/operationroundup>.

*Southeastern Indiana REMC, headquartered in Osgood, Indiana, is a not-for-profit distribution cooperative owned and controlled by its members. SEIREMC is committed to safely providing reliable electricity and diversified services to the members and communities it serves. The cooperative serves 24,000+ members in Dearborn, Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland counties. For more information about the cooperative, visit [seiremc.com](http://seiremc.com).*

# Operation Round Up® Grant Recipients

2022 – Grant Cycle 2

<b>DEARBORN COUNTY</b>	<b>\$12,809</b>	
Town of Dillsboro	\$1,809	Playground equipment improvements and ADA ramp and border addition at the community park
First Baptist Church Dillsboro	\$2,500	Purchase supplies and backpacks for “Back to School Bash”
Dearborn County 4-H	\$800	Supplies for after-school 4-H Connections Club
Dillsboro Main Street	\$500	Provide Hi-Vis vests for volunteers
Southeastern IN Center for the Arts	\$2,500	Build picnic tables for city and county parks in the southeast IN region
Southeast IN Youth Orchestra	\$2,200	Purchase a second sound system for performances
Pregnancy Care Center of Southeast Indiana	\$2,500	Fireproof, lockable cabinets
<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	
St. Michael School	\$2,000	School garden – shed, seed, start up supplies
<b>JEFFERSON COUNTY</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	
Girls Inc of Jefferson County	\$2,500	Participant goody bags with three activities – Strong, Smart, and Bold – over a 6-8 week time period
The Freedom Center	\$2,500	Equipment and software to create and display announcements
<b>JENNINGS COUNTY</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	
Southeastern IN 4-H Camp.	\$2,500	4-day overnight summer camp – June 6-9, 2023
Sparks of Kindness Toy Giveaway	\$2,500	Purchase office equipment – laptop and printer
Jennings County Coordinating Council	\$2,500	Christmas Food Basket Program funding
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast IN	\$1,500	New laptop software for Match Program Specialist
<b>OHIO COUNTY</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	
Rising Sun Volunteer Fire Department	\$2,500	New fire hose to equip new fire engine
<b>RIPLEY COUNTY</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>	
Versailles Baptist Church Community Dinners	\$1,000	Organize/host luncheons for seniors (and others) in the community
Town of Versailles	\$2,500	Purchase body cameras and hard drives for Versailles PD
Southeastern Indiana YMCA	\$2,500	Create special gymnastics room to meet the needs of youngest members
Ripley County Community Foundation	\$2,500	Support for the 12 <sup>th</sup> annual Rube Goldberg Machine Contest
CARES Central	\$2,500	Provide meals for seven-week summer camp program for ages K-8
Milan Lions Club	\$400	Expand messages on legacy sign
Tyson Library Association	\$1,600	Start “Library of Things” patrons can borrow
Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$2,500	Purchase copier/scanning machine
Delaware United Methodist Church Fishes/Loaves Pantry	\$1,000	Purchase food items to be given in JCD and SR school districts
Versailles Volunteer Fire Department	\$2,500	Purchase additional equipment to extract patients from Mountain Bike, Hiking, and Horse trails at VSP
<b>SWITZERLAND COUNTY</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	
Vevay Main Street	\$2,500	Light up the Park – organize the purchase, storage, maintenance, and display at Ogle Park