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### SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA REMC AWARDS \$44,432 TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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In July, Southeastern Indiana REMC awarded \$44,432 in Operation RoundUp® grants to 20 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 December 2022 and grants will be awarded in January 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<sup>®</sup> Grant Recipients

2022 – Grant Cycle 1

<b>DEARBORN COUNTY</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>	
PHI BETA PSI – TAU Chapter	\$2,500	Provide \$50 Kroger gift cards/support bags to help cancer patients at St. Elizabeth Lawrenceburg
Greendale Police Department	\$2,500	Looking to equip all patrol vehicles with an AED
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	\$2,500	Planning on developing a drive thru light display
St. John EV Lutheran School	\$2,500	Funding towards replacement of mulch for school playground
Aurora Emergency Rescue Unit	\$1,000	Purchase supplies to teach CPR classes
<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	
Metamora Volunteer Fire Department	\$2,500	Replace carbon dioxide detector and purchase K-12 rescue saw (2-part project)
<b>JEFFERSON COUNTY</b>	<b>\$5,600</b>	
Habitat for Humanity Jefferson County	\$2,500	Cover costs of removing thick layer of asphalt to continue development of current project
Big Oaks Conservation Society	\$600	Hosting a field day in September/October for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students from SR, Milan, and maybe Jefferson
Lide White Memorial Boys & Girls Club	\$2,500	Partnering with Purdue Extension to roll out “Learn, Grow, Eat, and Go!” program
<b>JENNINGS COUNTY</b>	<b>\$5,240</b>	
Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$5,240	Upgrade old analog vhf radio system
<b>OHIO COUNTY</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>RIPLEY COUNTY</b>	<b>\$18,692</b>	
Ripley County Humane Society	\$500	To pay one portion of costs associated with restoration of field exercise lots for dogs
Friendship Regional Sewer District	\$2,500	Help cover costs of a Thern Crane hand winch for the top of the chlorine contact tank
St. Paul Lutheran Church	\$3,692	To install emergency lighting in basement – it is a community storm shelter
Versailles American Legion Post 173	\$2,500	To help fund approximately 50 families at Christmas – pass out food, gift cards to IGA, toys, etc.
Student Ambassadors – SR Elementary	\$2,500	Ambassadors camp
Milan Community Schools	\$500	Purchase e-books for grades 5-8 from The Mackin program – digital learning program
Wreaths Across Ripley County	\$2,500	Place a red ribboned balsam wreath on known veteran’s graves on 12/17/22
Church of Christ – Osgood	\$1,500	Purchase an AED for the church
Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc.	\$2,500	Establish a Safe Haven Baby Box at the Milan EMS station
<b>SWITZERLAND COUNTY</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>OUT OF AREA</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>	
Reins to Recovery	\$1,400	Purchase signs (from a Ripley County company) for events