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SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA REMC AWARDS OVER \$71,000 TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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In February, Southeastern Indiana REMC awarded \$71,057 in Operation Round Up® grants to 33 recipients from across the cooperative's seven-county service territory.

Operation Round Up® 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 receive an operation round up grant is July 2022. Applications will be accepted during the month of June.

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.

Operation Round Up® Grant Recipients

2021 – Grant Cycle 2

DEARBORN COUNTY		\$18,861	
Hogan Twp. Vol Fire Company #1	\$2,500	Replace broken/discontinued pagers for Volunteer Fire Dept with Unication G1 Voice Pagers	
Special Olympics IN – Ripley, Ohio, Dearborn	\$2,500	Purchase (replace broken) 12 cornhole boards 24 sets of cornhole bags for children/adults with disabilities	
Dearborn Co Clearinghouse for Emergency Aid	\$2,500	Coating floor of Mobile Pantry van – used to distribute groceries in Dearborn, Ohio, Ripley counties	
Dillsboro Community Partnership, Inc.	\$2,239	Fire pits and Cricut to improve 5 major events hosted for the community of Dillsboro	
Dillsboro Arts, Inc.	\$1,900	To cover artist fees, Mandy Gaines, for Dillsboro Jazz Festival 2022	
Dearborn Highlands Arts Council, Inc.	\$2,500	Supplies for jail chemical addictions program – collaborate with local ceramic artist – support recovery	
Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	\$2,222	Cont. programs for child safety e.g., install smoke detectors, medication lock boxes, fire extinguishers	
Pregnancy Care Center of SE Indiana	\$2,500	Purchase of baby bottles, marketing booklets to advertise free program services	
FRANKLIN COUNTY		\$2,142	
St. Michael School	\$2,142	Purchase of standing desk for each classroom – grades 3-8	
JEFFERSON COUNTY		\$2,500	
Madison Area Arts Alliance, Inc.	\$2,500	Need computer/printer and supplies to continue the ARTS program around Madison and Hanover	
JENNINGS COUNTY		\$4,700	
Perceptions Yoga, Mindfulness & Art, Inc.	\$1,000	Provides wellness, self-care, and healing to underserved/elderly population at low or no cost classes	
Geneva Recreation Center	\$1,200	New playground equipment targeting 2-5-year-old range	
Campbell Township Volunteer Fire Dept	\$2,500	Purchase basic PPE – disposable gloves, CPR masks, blood pressure kits, trauma/oxygen kits	
OHIO COUNTY		\$4,900	
Rising Sun – Ohio County School Corp	\$2,500	Provide education on child abuse/child sexual abuse for grades K-12	
Ohio County Sheriff Office	\$2,400	Purchase of 3 additional vehicle printers and ID scanners for 3 patrol vehicles	
RIPLEY COUNTY		\$34,350	
Ripley Co Historical Society	\$1,200	Need industrial grade dehumidifier to better preserve archived paper/records stored in house	
Tri Kappa Versailles/Osgood Delta Rho Chapter	\$2,500	To bring Kids Discovery Factory to JCD/SR Elementary for day of hands-on activities	
Ripley Wrangler	\$2,500	New lights for arena/surrounding areas to improve safety	
Delaware United Methodist Church Food Pantry	\$1,000	Purchase food given to needy families in JCD/SR schools districts	
Delaware Comm Vol Fire Dept	\$2,500	Fire fighting gloves and rescue auger	
Main Street Versailles	\$2,500	Funding for signage to direct visitors to downtown Versailles – to/from park, hiking/biking trails	
Midwest Equine Trail Foundation, Inc.	\$2,500	Repair horse/hiking trails in Versailles State Park	
Southeastern IN YMCA	\$2,500	Mobile magnet wall – interactive play set	
Osgood Lions Club	\$2,500	Insurance, upkeep, and maintenance for Osgood Lions Mini Park – purchase 4 flag poles/more lighting	
Dabney Baptist Church	\$2,500	Purchase of new printer/copier (black/white) for children’s programs and church bulletins	
Versailles Fire and Rescue	\$2,500	Purchase a RIT-Pak Fast Attack kit for volunteer fire fighters – part of a \$139,583.08 improvement project	
Youth to Yellowstone of Ripley County	\$2,500	6-10 students on 2022 trip to Yellowstone – travel expenses, boots, socks. 8-night camping trip	
SR High School Champions Together	\$650	Cover costs for bowling team – approx. 30 bowlers – shirts, practice fees, shoe rentals	
Osgood Public Library	\$2,000	New program goal for LEGO club for elementary aged children – various STEM related activities	
Child Evangelism Fellowship of IN Inc. SE Chapter	\$2,500	Need computers to support staff programs like Good News Club and other faith-based activities	
Ripley County Parks & Recreation	\$2,000	Purchase an additional letter sign for Hwy 421/replace expensive light fixtures with LED kits	
SWITZERLAND COUNTY		\$3,604	
Switzerland Co Angel Tree	\$1,250	Help about 300 children at Christmas – coat, shoes, outfits, toys	
Switzerland Co YMCA	\$2,354	Looking to replace 2 laptops for staff	