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## **Polk-Burnett Electric Co-op's Operation Round Up awards \$34,753 to 35 local nonprofits**

CENTURIA –Polk-Burnett's Operation Round Up awarded \$34,753 to 35 nonprofits serving our community, including \$1,500 each to five local food shelves. Spring and summer grants were combined due to COVID-19, making the total amount larger than normal this quarter.

"We know that charitable donations are vital for many of our local nonprofits right now. We're grateful we can do our part of to help during this time of uncertainty and as the need is high for many families and community services," said Joan O'Fallon, communications director, Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative.

Funding for Operation Round Up is donated by members of Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative who round their monthly electric bill up to the next even dollar amount. Grant recipients are selected quarterly by a committee of co-op members, with financial donations awarded to nonprofit organizations that improve our local quality of life.

"Polk-Burnett is pleased to support our community through Operation Round Up, and we thank our members for their participation and generosity. Operation Round Up aligns with our co-op values; we provide more than electricity," said Polk-Burnett General Manager Steve Stroshane. "Together, we are making a difference in our community."

Grant recipients for spring and summer 2020 are:

1. Amery Area Food Pantry, \$1,500, food and personal care items for local families
2. Amery Women's Club, \$1,000, books for Amery second graders
3. Aspen Guardian Services, \$1,000, new computer
4. Burnett Area Arts Group, \$795, community art shows and events
5. Clear Lake Museum, \$1,000, signage and materials for historical walking tour
6. Clear Lake Schools, \$1,000, mental health awareness week
7. Clear Lake Veteran's Memorial, \$500, museum and community displays
8. Coats for Kids, \$1,000, coat distribution for kids
9. Domestic Animal Wellness Center & Wildlife Rescue, \$1,000, supplies
10. Family Pathways, Frederic & St. Croix Falls Food Shelves, \$3,000, \$1,500 to each
11. FFA Alumni, \$1,000, Amery FFA team to international competition
12. Frederic Arts Inc., \$500, art classes for assisted living residents
13. Frederic Elementary School, \$500, Asian Adventure unit
14. Grantsburg Area Historical Society, \$1,000, paint historic Emma's House
15. Grantsburg Community Education, \$1,000, STAR mentor program
16. Humane Society of Burnett County, \$800, electrical wiring for indoor dog area
17. Kinship of Polk County, \$1,000, mentoring program for Polk County children
18. League of Women Voters Upper St. Croix Valley, \$1,000, voter registration events and materials
19. Luck FFA, \$600, pig project
20. Luck School District Family and Consumer Science, \$500, stove replacement
21. Mental Health Task Force of Burnett County, \$800, mental health chalk art program for schools
22. Mental Health Task Force of Polk County, \$1,000, mental health education for community groups

23. Moms & Dads Against Meth, \$1,000, sober residence for women
24. Osceola Intermediate School, \$1,000, \$500 each for school garden and writing kits
25. Polk County Behavioral Health, \$1,000, gas cards to help people with transportation
26. Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy, \$858, laptop and printer
27. Scott Volunteer Fire Dept., \$1,000, replace self-contained breathing apparatus
28. Siren High School Track & Field, \$500, two iPads
29. St. Croix Falls Food Shelf, \$1,500, food for local families
30. St. Croix Falls Police K9 Association, \$1,000, equipment for K9 vehicle
31. St. Croix Falls School District, School Nurse, \$400, wheelchair
32. St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team, \$1,000, camera to record examination
33. Washburn County Sheriff's Dept., \$1,000, enclosed trailer for emergency supplies and generator
34. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, \$1,500, home rehab in Burnett County
35. Yellow Lake Food Distribution, \$1,500, food for distribution to local families

Nonprofit organizations interested in applying for a grant or co-op members who'd like to round their bill up in support of Operation Round Up may contact 800-421-0283 or [polkburnett.com](http://polkburnett.com). The next application deadline is September 1.

– *from Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative*