**Thank you for giving back to our community**

Do you contribute to Operation Round Up with your bill each month?

If you’re part of the nearly 80% of members who do, thank you for starting 2023 off right with your donation, which will support many organizations throughout the year!

For those who need a refresher, LaGrange County REMC’s Operation Round Up program allows members to round up their electric bills each month. This money is then put into a fund and given back locally through community grants each quarter.

You may think it’s just a bit of extra change, but to the nonprofit organizations who receive these grants, it’s so much more.

The first quarter distribution of Operation Round Up funding included:

**LaGrange County Parks**, which was awarded $1,800 to help provide children’s games, horse drawn wagon rides and a puppeteer at their Maple Syrup Days on March 18-19. With the grant, the Parks department can offer the fun and educational activities free of charge to the public.

**Wolcottville Youth Sports,** was granted $1,500 that will go towards the purchase of baseball equipment and field topping for their fields in Wolcottville.

**Prairie Heights High School,** received $1,500 that will be directed to their Esports program. The money will be used to help pay for computers (including monitors, keyboards and wiring) that students would use for the Esports program.

**Community Harvest Food Bank,** which was awarded $1,000 to help offset the costs associated with the LaGrange County Farm Wagon. The Farm Wagon is a mobile pantry program that operates with refrigerated trucks that make weekly stops at the old IGA parking lot in Wolcottville. They distribute food to an average of 87 families each week.

For local nonprofit organizations who are seeking funding for a project, please fill out and return an application to the LaGrange County REMC office by Monday, April 3, to be considered for the next round of Operation Round Up disbursements. Applications can be downloaded from the REMC website, lagrangeremc.com.