



MAY 2024

# CO-OP CURRENT



## SCI REMC's Operation RoundUp Hits \$4 Million Grant Milestone

SCI REMC's Operation RoundUp has achieved a significant milestone, surpassing \$4 million in grants distributed to local organizations. Established in 1995, Operation RoundUp embodies the principle of "neighbor helping neighbor," offering SCI REMC members a distinctive opportunity to contribute to their community.

Through the collective efforts of SCI REMC members, the community fund has disbursed over \$4 million in grants to support various local organizations and programs. Operation RoundUp channels financial assistance to entities within the seven counties served by SCI REMC, funded by the spare change rounded up from members' monthly bills. For instance, if a member's electric bill amounts to \$60.76, 24 cents are rounded up, totaling \$61, with this additional 24 cents directly funneling into the SCI Membership Community Fund. While members contribute an average of only \$6 per year, these modest contributions collectively make a substantial impact, raising an average of \$130,000 annually.

Grant distribution occurs quarterly throughout the year, with organizations individuals applying for support. The board of trustees, composed of representatives from the communities served by SCI REMC, collectively decide on the allocation of grants. The fund's primary mission is to address essential needs such as food, shelter, health, safety, and education, benefiting charitable organizations and civic groups across the counties served by SCI REMC, including Morgan, Monroe, Owen, Brown, Putnam, Clay, and Johnson. Notably, the fund does not cover power bills.

Several projects have been supported by Operation RoundUp grants, exemplifying its commitment to community welfare. For instance, Brown County Weekend Backpacks Inc. received assistance for the purchase of food for its weekend backpacks program, ensuring food security for local children. Another recipient, Owen Valley Fire Territory, utilized their grant to purchase cordless tools, enhancing their capacity to safely rescue individuals trapped in various scenarios. Additionally, Operation RoundUp administers five \$1,000 scholarships through the John D. Rudd Memorial Scholarship program.

If you are unsure of your participation in Operation RoundUp, we encourage you to contact the SCI REMC office. For further details on Operation RoundUp and eligibility criteria for grants, interested parties can visit [sciremc.com/roundup](http://sciremc.com/roundup). Let's celebrate this milestone and continue supporting our communities through Operation RoundUp!

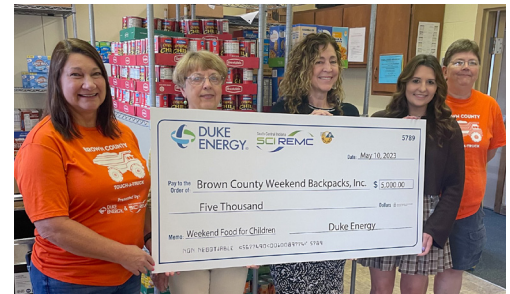


Photo provided by Brown County Weekend Backpacks Inc.

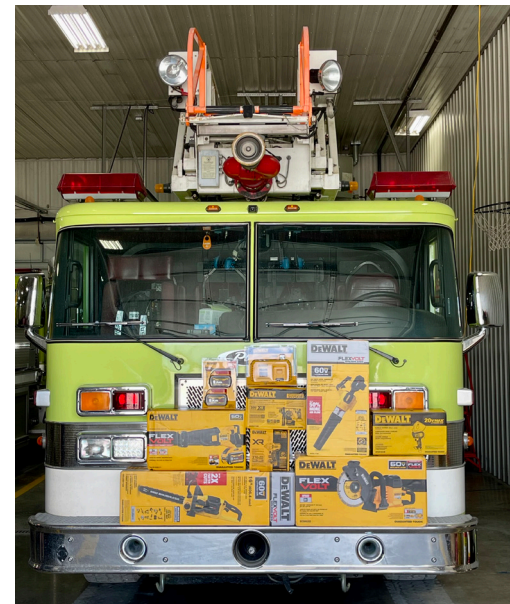


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# DAY CAMP 2024

Friday, June 14

9 AM - 3 PM

Lunch is provided.

Students entering grades 4 through 6 can sign up for our *free*, fun, and educational one-day camp. The students will learn the history of electric cooperatives, energy efficiency, power line safety, fiber internet, vegetation management, and more!

*Students need to be signed up by Friday, May 31.*

**SIGN UP AT [SCIREMC.COM/DAYCAMP](https://sciremc.com/daycamp)**



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