



## White River Valley Electric Cooperative News Release

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### Electric cooperative trust program awards \$75,000 in grants to local teachers

**Branson, Missouri** – The White River Valley Electric Trust Board proudly awards \$75,000 to 24 local schools in Christian, Douglas, Ozark, Stone, and Taney counties. Teachers located at schools within White River Valley Electric Cooperative’s five-county service area were eligible to apply for monies through Power Up -- the organization’s annual educational grant program.

The \$75,000 awarded in Power Up grants will enhance the education of area students by providing teachers funds to purchase additional resources for their classrooms. Applicants submitted proposals to promote higher learning and meet school standards. Teachers submitted a plan with an itemized list of supplies and a letter of project approval from their respective school district’s administrative office. 129 out of 194 applications were approved.

“It is the generosity of White River Valley Electric Cooperative members, who round up their monthly bills through Operation Round Up that provide these enhanced opportunities at area schools,” said Cassie Cunningham, White River Valley Electric Cooperative Vice President/Chief Growth Officer. “We are excited to see how these awarded projects spark the minds of local students.”

Power Up educational grants are funded through Operation Round Up – the Trust’s primary funding source for community-centric aid. Funds come from cooperative members who allow their bills to be rounded-up to the next dollar. Over \$5.3 million has been contributed to the



*The White River Valley Electric Trust Board presents a check for \$75,000 for local teachers to use in their classrooms.*

community since Operation Round Up's inception in 1992.

The following schools employ the 2024 grant recipients:

Ava, Blue Eye, Bradleyville, Branson, Chadwick, Forsyth, Gainesville, Galena, Hollister, Kirbyville, Legacy Christian Academy, Lutie, Mark Twain, Nixa, Ozark, Plainview, Reeds Spring, School of the Ozarks, Skyline, Sparta, Spokane, Taneyville, Thornfield, and Tri-Lakes Cooperative School.

For more information about the grant program and a full list of awarded teachers, visit <https://www.whiteriver.org/community/operation-round-up/power-up/>.

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