**NEWS RELEASE: Noble REMC’s Operation Round Up grants thousands to local organizations**

ALBION – Noble REMC stands by the community through good times and bad, and Noble REMC’s Operation Round Up grant program is one of the ways the electric cooperative continues to give back.

The co-op is grateful for the more than 80 percent of members who participate in the program, allowing their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. These cents are then kept locally through community grants given each quarter.

Organizations awarded funding from the April distribution of Noble REMC’s Operation Round Up Trust Fund, totaling more than $17,500, include:

**Elkhart Civic Townships**, $1,000, baseball and softball equipment

**Noble County Extension Homemakers**, $700, books

**Town of Albion Parks Department**, $1,000, construction of new restroom facilities

**LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department**, $1,525, thermal imaging camera

**Bear Lake Camp, Inc.**, $358, AED system battery

**Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry**, $1000, meat processing

**City of Kendallville**, $1,000, Kid City event

**Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana**, $1,000, East Noble Campus Life programming

**LaOtto Community Park, Inc.**, $2,000, for community park improvements

**Drug Free Noble County, Inc.**, $1,000, for prevention support programs

**Cromwell Park Board**, $1,500, playground slide installation

**The Apple Tree Center**, $500, outdoor rain gear

**Life and Family Services**, $850, client education

**Courthouse Square Preservation Society, Inc.**, $2,500, Noble County Courthouse gazebo repair

**Churubusco Youth Foundation**, $1,000, Churubusco High School Show Choir trailer

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana**, $1,000, site-based School Buddies program

To be considered for the next cycle of disbursements, local nonprofit organizations are encouraged to fill out and return an application to the Noble REMC office, P.O. Box 137, Albion, IN 46701, by Wednesday, July 1.

Applications can be downloaded from the REMC website at nobleremc.com, under “Programs.”