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Cass County Electric Cooperative awards grants to four rural fire districts

FARGO, N.D. — Cass County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) has joined the Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) to support rural fire and rescue districts in the CCEC service area, distributing a total of \$4,000 to four programs.

CCEC is a member of the RDFC, a nonprofit finance, and development entity. RDFC makes funds available to increase awareness of their more extensive loan program that funds community-based projects and nonprofit entities with low-interest loans. Communities in Cass County Electric Cooperative's service area are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 for community-based projects.

This year, a letter was sent out earlier this year to all 43 fire districts within the CCEC service territory, urging them to apply for the grant. The following entities will receive \$500 RDFC grants, which was matched with another \$500 by CCEC:

- Arthur Rural Fire Protection District (equipment)
- Hunter Volunteer Fire Department (gear)
- Valley City - Barnes County Rescue Squad (gear)
- Wimbledon Fire Protection District (gear)

“One of Cass County Electric Cooperative's core principles is Concern for Community, and there are no better examples of community protectors than our rural fire volunteers,” said Paul Matthys, CCEC vice president of member services. “These grants are our way of ensuring their services remain safe and reliable.”

CCEC employees expand the principle of community service into their lives outside of the cooperative. For instance, journeyman lineworker Joey Strauss serves in the Arthur volunteer fire department. He is just one of many employees who give back to the region they serve.

For more information about the award and how to apply, please visit CassCountyElectric.com/RDFC-grant.

About Cass County Electric Cooperative

Headquartered in Fargo, N.D., Cass County Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric distribution system serving more than 52,000 member accounts in a 10-county area in southeastern North Dakota. Cass County Electric Cooperative has five service centers in Fargo, Kindred, Valley City, Lisbon, and Arthur.

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