

The Bandera PROPHECY

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BEC Foundation awards Community Grants

Two nonprofit organizations within the Bandera Electric Cooperative service territory recently received more than \$8,750 in BEC Foundation grants for the fourth quarter grant cycle.

The Christian Women's Job Corp of Bandera County received a \$3,100 grant to purchase updated classroom equipment. The new supplies will provide students with opportunities to work with current computer programs and equipment so they can gain marketable job skills.

"This funding will help us improve our computer classes, thus continuing to offer women of Bandera and surrounding counties an opportunity to increase their self-esteem and become a productive member of society, possibly for the first time in their life," Carla O'Dell, First Baptist Church advisory council president said.

Snac Pac 4 Kids received a \$5,650 grant to provide weekend food for young children from low-income families during the school year.

"Our income comes from donations, and 100 percent of the funds go to purchase food for the kids," Susan Freeman, Snac Pac 4 Kids co-chair, said. "These funds will allow us to continue to supplement weekend food for Bandera ISD elementary school kids who are in need."

The BEC Foundation is the philanthropic arm of BEC. Its mission is to support qualifying nonprofit organizations in its service area through charitable contributions with a focus on education, safety and overall concern for community.

The BEC Foundation is supported in part by BEC. However, the community is invited to contribute. Members can round up their bill to the nearest whole-dollar, select the BEC Foundation as their favorite charity on AmazonSmile, or donate at any time.

In 2020, the BEC Foundation awarded more than \$56,000 in community grants. The BEC Foundation board awards grants based on its charitable

giving guidelines and predetermined criteria, and accepts grant applications on a quarterly basis. The next grant application deadline is March 31. For information and eligibility requirements, visit BanderaElectric.com/Giving.

About Bandera Electric

Bandera Electric Cooperative currently serves more than 27,000 members and provides highly reliable electric service to more than 36,000 meters in a seven-county territory in the Texas Hill Country. As a member-owned cooperative, BEC continually searches for new, innovative programs to promote energy efficiency and quality member service. Find more information about BEC at BanderaElectric.com or by calling 866-226-3372.