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BEC Foundation awards community grants in Kerr and Kendall Counties

Two nonprofit organizations within Bandera Electric Cooperative's service territory recently received \$8,500 in BEC Foundation grants for the second-quarter grant cycle.

Echo Hill Ranch received a \$5,000 grant for their Gold Star Camp horseback riding program. The camp provides a safe, fun, relaxing and empowering summer camp experience for the children of Gold Star and first responder families.

"We are grateful to the Bandera Electric Cooperative Foundation for its generous support of the horses and horseback riding program, essential to the healing and fun for Gold Star boys and girls at Echo Hill Ranch Gold Star Camp in the Texas Hill Country, " said Marcie Friedman, Echo Hill Ranch co-founder and director.

The Kendall County 4-H Robotics received a \$3,500 grant to purchase an agricultural robot for a STEM project. The grant will help provide children who have learned programming an opportunity to continue their education while growing vegetables and herbs.

"We are so thankful to the BEC Foundation for supporting the Kendall County 4-H Robotics Club," said Brad McFarland, the club's leader.

"This grant will provide local students the opportunity to build a robot from the ground up, have an amazing STEM experience, and gain knowledge to help them see how modern technology is supporting and growing in the agriculture industry. The best part is these students will use the robot to grow crops and taste the fruits of their labor!"

The BEC Foundation is the philanthropic arm of BEC. Its mission is to support qualifying nonprofit organizations in the co-op's 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 and donate at any time.

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 September 30. 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.