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BEMC NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

SUPPLY, NC, December 3, 2019 - Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) invites local agencies and groups to apply now for a BEMC Community Grant of up to \$2,500 through February 15, 2020.

“Benefiting so many members, these grants are used to help people of all ages in our communities, including children and families as well as those dealing with health issues, seniors, the homeless, and veterans,” said Josh Winslow, CEO and General Manager of BEMC.

The cooperative’s grant program is committed to improving the quality of life in the communities it serves by supporting organizations whose work falls within these categories: civic and community programs, family service programs, cultural and arts programs, emergency services, and community development activities.

Last year, 40 projects were selected from a field of 67 applicants to receive a total of \$47,000 for projects in Brunswick and Columbus counties. Funding for these grants comes directly from proceeds from the equipment auction held at the cooperative’s annual membership meeting in September.

Since 2003, more than \$580,000 has funded several hundred projects benefiting citizens throughout the BEMC service area. Winslow stated, “Community Grants are another way we demonstrate how the cooperative and its membership offer a helping hand to local community groups that are doing great things in the community.”

For more information and a link to the application, please visit www.bemc.org or call (800) 842-5871.

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Brunswick Electric is the second largest rural electric cooperative in NC, the 35th largest of more than 900 co-ops in the U.S. and serves more than 98,000 meter locations in Brunswick and Columbus counties, plus small areas of Bladen and Robeson. BEMC is a locally owned not-for-profit corporation committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity to its members. Established in 1939, the co-op has a longstanding tradition of working to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves through programs such as energy efficiency, heating assistance, grants and scholarships.