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**BEMC is Accepting Applications for Community Grants Through February 15**

**Supply N.C. (1/31/2020)** – Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) invites local agencies and groups to apply for a 2020 BEMC Community Grant. Founded in 2003, this program awards grants up to \$2,500 to area groups that provide family services, civic and community programs, cultural and arts programs, emergency services, and community development activities.

Last year, out of 67 applicants, 40 projects were selected to receive funding totaling \$47,000 for projects in Brunswick and Columbus counties. These grants are funded by the proceeds from the equipment auction held at BEMC’s annual membership meeting each September.

“BEMC strives to work with local organizations to assist people of all ages in our communities; children and young families, the homeless, and of course, senior citizens” said Josh Winslow, CEO and General Manager of BEMC.

Since the program’s inception more than \$580,000 has cycled back into the community and benefited citizens throughout BEMC’s service area.

Gretchen Bodinsky, Secretary of New Hope Clinic’s Board of Directors, stated in a letter to BEMC, “We, the staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and patients of New Hope Clinic are grateful to be a recipient of the 2019 BEMC Community Grants. These funds will be used for our project: *Community Health Outreach and Screenings*. Community health outreach is an important aspect of our mission and allows us to provide health screenings for those unable to otherwise receive them.”

The deadline is quickly approaching, the last day to apply is February 15, 2020. Interested agencies and groups can review the guidelines and requirements and submit an application at <http://www.bemc.org/community-grants>.

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