



WHITE RIVER VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

News Release

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White River Valley Electric Cooperative Supports Local Communities with Plugged-In Grants

Branson, Missouri – White River Valley Electric Cooperative (WRVEC) is proud to announce the approval of \$50,000 in grant monies for the “Plugged-In” Community Enhancement Program.

“Plugged-In” provides grants and old-fashioned sweat equity to organizations seeking assistance for community-driven projects in Taney, Stone, Christian, Douglas, and Ozark Counties. The program is designed to grow area economies, promote community revitalization, and strengthen overall livability in each county. Grants are given to organizations that offer strong missions, proposals, and track-records. Grant monies are awarded for projects in each county that the Cooperative serves. Plus, volunteer participation is supplied by WRVEC employees, where applicable.

The grant monies will be used for a wide variety of projects throughout our five-county service territory. Some of the projects include:

- Community gardens improvements.
- Arena improvements.
- Lighting updates.



WRVEC Employees providing assistance at 2023 Plugged-In Grant Recipient, The Center (Gainesville). Pictured Left to Right: Nathan Stearns, David Scott, Kara Henson, Hunter Jones, and Thomas Tewes.

- New welcome signs.
- Human trafficking awareness.
- Culinary program for kids.

“Part of growing rural communities is meeting people where they are and fitting a need with resources,” said WRVEC Vice President/Chief Growth Officer- Marketing and Communications, Cassie Cunningham. “We are humbled and proud to be part of that process.”

To learn more about “Plugged-In” and how to apply next year, visit whiteriver.org/community/plugged-in/.

LIST OF 2024 PLUGGED-IN GRANT RECIPIENTS:

CHRISTIAN COUNTY: Sparta Community Garden and McMurry Arena; **DOUGLAS COUNTY:** City of Ava Volunteer Fire Department; **OZARK COUNTY:** Ozark County Chamber; **STONE COUNTY:** Pathways Project Coalition; **STONE AND TANEY COUNTIES:** Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks; **TANEY COUNTY:** Forsyth Senior Friendship.

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