



Bluebonnet grants \$1.2 million to 38 area nonprofits

By Denise Gamino

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative is paying it forward to every corner of its 14-county service area.

In November, the co-op donated approximately \$1.2 million to community programs that will improve the lives of tens of thousands of people in Central Texas.

The new Bluebonnet Community Grants program awarded 41 grants to 38 area nonprofits in the first of several rounds of grant disbursements that will total \$3 million by the end of the program.

More hungry people are being fed. Victims of domestic abuse are receiving crisis help. Terminally ill patients are getting comforting medical care. Firefighters are better equipped. Senior citizens are staying active and healthy. Little Leagues are playing on better ball fields. Communities are better prepared for disasters. And more.

Bluebonnet received 173 applications requesting \$7.78 million for the first grant cycle. The 41 grants cover capital

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From left: Ryan Hale, Anthony Grant, Ed Hanna, Jerry Doyle and Martin Ritchey of the Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department in Caldwell County. They were members of one of 38 nonprofits that received the first round of grants from Bluebonnet. **More on page 23.**

projects and operational expenses, and range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

The Bluebonnet Community Grants money comes from a legal settlement. The program is not funded through co-op operating revenue.

“We have \$1.8 million left to distribute,” said Ben Flencher,

Bluebonnet’s Board chairman. “We encourage organizations that didn’t submit applications or get chosen in this first round of grants to send applications before the next grant cycle’s Feb. 15 deadline.”

In future grant cycles, Bluebonnet will award grants only for capital projects.



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MONTHLY MEETING

Bluebonnet's Board of Directors will meet at 9 a.m. Jan. 19 at Bluebonnet's Headquarters, 155 Electric Ave., (formerly 650 Texas Hwy. 21 East), Bastrop. Find the agenda and last-minute updates Jan. 15 at bluebonnet.coop. Hover your cursor over 'next board meeting' on our home page.

OFFICE CLOSING

Bluebonnet's offices will be closed **Jan. 1, 18** and **21** for New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and a company meeting, respectively.

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Bluebonnet Community Grants

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Email questions to grants@bluebonnet.coop or contact Rachel Ellis, Bluebonnet's chief administrative officer, at 888-622-2583, ext. 7929#

Benny Robinson of Giddings, above, leaves the Giddings Area CARE Center food pantry with a cart of food. A grant from Bluebonnet Community Grants will allow the pantry to remain open more days to distribute food to people in need. **More on page 21.**





HOPEWELL-ROSENWALD COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROJECT

In the early 1940s, Sophia Williams attended first and second grades in a small wood building in Bastrop County that today is an official historic National Treasure, though in disrepair. The Hopewell-Rosenwald School opened in 1922 in the rural community of Cedar Creek to educate African-American children prohibited by segregation from attending the public school system for white children.

Williams' grandmother, Sophia McDonald, donated land for the school. "We really specialized in the three Rs: reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic," said Williams, now 80. During recess children jumped rope, played softball and scratched a hopscotch grid in sand. "We'd bring wood in and at lunch we'd sit around the stove in the winter time," she said.

The school was among 5,300 educational buildings constructed nationwide with money donated by Julius Rosenwald, head of Sears, Roebuck and Co., who worked on the project with renowned African-American educator Booker T. Washington.

Hopewell-Rosenwald School closed in the late 1950s as desegregation allowed black students into public schools. Bluebonnet awarded a \$50,000 capital grant to the Hopewell-Rosenwald Community School Project and Austin-based American YouthWorks to help convert the withered building into a community center for events and education for everyone.

Young workers from American YouthWorks will help with repairs. American YouthWorks teaches trade skills to youth and young adults seeking opportunities for advancement.

"The young people are gaining a respect and reverence for history in a way that will change them, but also getting skills in the process and that's another big win for the community. We're developing our future workforce," said Parc Smith, CEO of American YouthWorks.



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A few members of the Hopewell-Rosenwald School Renovation Committee gather outside the historic school in Bastrop County. From left: Doris Sampson, Ruth Jones, Sophia Williams, Elroy Williams, Martin Brown and C.L. Jones. Sophia Williams, her brother Martin Brown, and C.L. Jones were students at the school.

Below: C.L. Jones, who attended the Hopewell-Rosenwald School, recalled playing basketball and softball during lunch and recess, and collecting water from a nearby creek. In winter, students gathered around the wood-burning stove, which was the only source of heat for the two-classroom school.





GIDDINGS AREA CARE CENTER FOOD PANTRY



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Forty-five years ago, U.S. Army soldier Benny Robinson constantly crawled on his knees to avoid enemy fire as he guarded an ammunition depot in the Phu Tai Valley in Vietnam. Today, Robinson is 65 and damaged knees forced him to give up his lawn service job. The Giddings Area CARE Center food pantry keeps him from going hungry. “This really comes in handy,” he said. “A lot of us really can hardly make ends meet.”

The Giddings food pantry is open just three days a month. A \$35,000 capital grant from Bluebonnet means the pantry can buy storage, cooling, computer and pallet equipment so it can soon distribute food several days each week. It will also be able to match food to family size and needs rather than giving all recipients the same items.

“The food pantry is just vital to people of all ages, from the older folks down to the moms with kiddos,” said Gene Parker, president of the pantry and one of its founders. “We’re constantly getting phone calls from people who say, ‘We just don’t have enough to make it through the month.’”

Last year, the pantry served nearly 15,000 people, but plans to serve almost 18,000 people with the extended hours. The Giddings pantry gets its food from the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas in Austin, which received a \$25,000 capital grant from Bluebonnet to help pay for a new distribution facility to meet growing demands, including counties served by Bluebonnet. “No one is turned away,” Parker said.



Top: Food pantry volunteer Jill Jennings selects bread to add to food carts. Above: Gene Parker, president and one of the pantry’s founders, carries a bag of onions that will be distributed to needy families. Left: Staff and volunteers at the Giddings Area CARE Center food pantry distributed food on a recent Saturday. The pantry is only open three days a month but a grant will allow it to expand its services.



WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTHY LIVING ASSOCIATION'S SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

For 40 years, the Senior Activity Center in Brenham has operated out of borrowed space. This month, the popular center will move into its first permanent home with help from a \$50,000 capital grant from Bluebonnet.

"We are thrilled," said Toy Kurtz, executive director of the center. "Some seniors have brought in \$5 and \$10 a month to try to help it get done." Construction of the 18,378-square-foot, \$3.7 million multi-use center began in January 2015. "The seniors keep driving by the construction site. They can't wait to get in," Kurtz said.

The center will have a computer lab, fitness center, art room, sewing area, library, gift shop for local crafts, classrooms, a meditation/relaxation room, meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, and dining room for 300 that can also be used for private events. The senior center has been operating in the Knights of Columbus hall and, before that, a vacant elementary school.

The center offers lunch five days a week and delivers meals to Washington County seniors who cannot leave home. Last year, it served 16,878 meals and delivered 12,948 more.

Brenham is a popular retirement spot because of its slower pace and beautiful scenery. "We've got people coming into the community every single day for retirement," Kurtz said. "The first thing they want to know is where the senior center is so they can take classes.

"This new senior center has been a huge community effort," she said. "This is what a community can do when it wants to."



Toy Kurtz, (left), Steve Miller and Frank Blizzard exercise at the Washington County Healthy Living Association's Senior Activity Center, which will move to a permanent home with help from Bluebonnet Community Grants.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER



Sarah Beal photos

Sherry Murphy, executive director of Family Crisis Center of Bastrop, said the grants will help with operational expenses and much-needed repairs to the center's facilities where victims of domestic or sexual abuse from Bastrop, Lee, Fayette and Colorado counties are served.

Space is so tight at the Family Crisis Center in Bastrop that the 24-hour hotline workers sit side by side, making it difficult to hear an abuse victim with so many conversations in the air. And victims of domestic or sexual violence who visit the center don't have immediate privacy to discuss their emergency needs.

The center has an ever-increasing caseload from four counties: Bastrop, Lee, Fayette and Colorado. One in three women will experience physical violence in an intimate relationship, national statistics show. Last year, nearly 1,000 people impacted by violence and abuse asked the center for help. The center provides crisis support, emergency shelter, transitional housing and classes on how to change violent behavior.

Over the past 20 years, the Family Crisis Center has grown from 30 full- and part-time employees to more than 60 employees. But its 5,000-square-foot building in Bastrop badly needs repairs and renovations. Bluebonnet awarded the center a \$50,000 capital grant and an \$18,000 grant to help with operating expenses.

The capital grant will allow victims of abuse to be served more efficiently and appropriately, said Sherry Murphy, executive director. The reception desk and work stations will be moved and rearranged, new carpet and tile flooring will be installed, walls will be painted and the conference rooms will get new furniture—enough to accommodate the entire staff for meetings and trainings.

"We want to maintain a comfortable environment for families seeking safety and services, and this Bluebonnet grant ensures that much-needed renovations will occur," Murphy said.





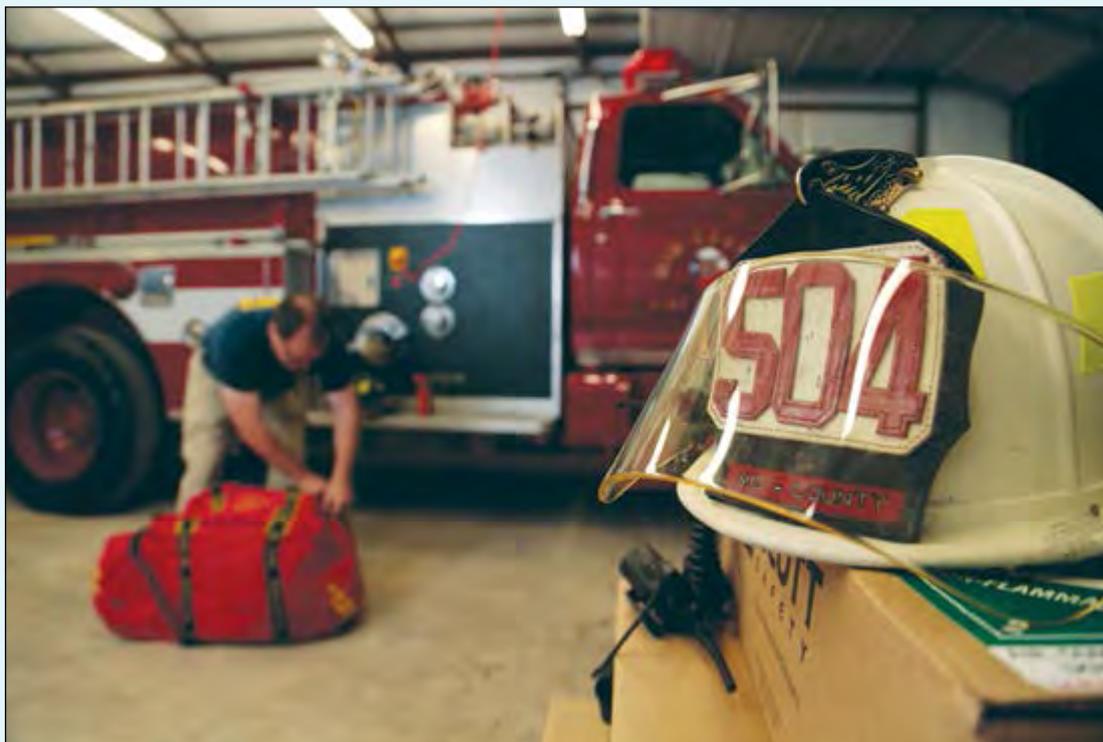
MID-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Several times a month, members of the Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department in Caldwell County meet for classroom training and to discuss business. But the VFD doesn't have a meeting room at either of its two fire stations, so firefighters drive fire engines and brush trucks to a county building in Lockhart for the team sessions. If a fire breaks out during a meeting, the vehicles and firefighters must be ready to roll.

This regular travel outside the VFD's rural district between Lockhart and Luling "adds wear and tear on our apparatus and increases the time to respond to emergencies," said Martin Ritchey, president of the Mid-County VFD. Ritchey also is chief of homeland security and the emergency management coordinator for Caldwell County.

Bluebonnet awarded a \$50,000 capital grant to the Mid-County VFD to help construct a community office building for firefighting training and meetings as well as for public functions. The building will be constructed at the VFD station on FM 671 near Texas 183 south of Lockhart. The fire station does not have running water or restrooms, but the new office will provide those amenities and enable volunteer firefighters to work from and sleep in the building during emergency events, like the recent floods in Caldwell County.

"We struggle for adequate space to host the Caldwell County Firefighters Training Academy," Ritchey said. "This central location would be ideal for our academy." ■



Top: Mid-county VFD President Martin Ritchey gets ready to don his protective gear at the station in Caldwell County. Above: Firefighters Jerry Doyle, left, Ryan Hale and Ed Hanna, right, outside the station that will soon be renovated thanks to a Bluebonnet Community Grant. Left: The station's two fire trucks.

Tom Hennig photos

How to apply for Bluebonnet Community Grants

Applications for the next cycle of Bluebonnet Community Grants are now being accepted. The application deadline is Feb. 15, 2016. For more information, visit the Bluebonnet Community Grants web page at bluebonnet.coop/grants. Email questions to grants@bluebonnet.coop or contact Rachel Ellis, Bluebonnet's chief administrative officer, at 888-

622-2583, ext. 7929#.

Eligible organizations are nonprofits within Bluebonnet's 14-county service area, including those in cities not served by Bluebonnet.

Two grant distributions will be made in 2016. The second application deadline is Aug. 15, 2016. If grant money

remains, Bluebonnet also will disburse grants in 2017.

Grants are awarded within four months of the application deadline by a majority vote of Bluebonnet's Board of Directors.

If you are calling after business hours, you may experience a period of silence before being transferred to voice mail.



OTHER BLUEBONNET COMMUNITY GRANTS WINNERS

CAPITAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Carmine Volunteer Fire Department

Washington and north Fayette counties

Mission: Fire protection & rescue
Project: New rescue truck or tanker
Capital grant: \$50,000

Delhi Volunteer Fire Department

Caldwell and surrounding counties

Mission: Fire & emergency response
Project: New fire station
Capital grant: \$50,000

Lee County Youth Center

Lee County (Dime Box ISD, Lexington ISD, Giddings ISD, Serbin St. Paul's and Immanuel Lutheran Church schools)

Mission: Recreational, tutoring and mentoring for children and teens
Project: Replace roof on building that serves students from area school districts
Capital grant: \$50,000

Brenham State Supported Living Center Volunteer Services Council

Washington County

Mission: Residential and vocational services for people with intellectual disabilities
Project: Construct a parking lot
Capital grant: \$45,000

Down Home Ranch

Lee and Williamson counties

Mission: Working farm and ranch providing residential and vocational training for people with intellectual and other disabilities
Project: Energy efficiency program
Capital grant: \$45,000

City of Somerville

Burleson County

Mission: Provides public services
Project: Final phase of public library renovation
Capital grant: \$43,700

Children's Advocacy Center

Bastrop, Lee and Fayette counties

Mission: Provides therapy services for abused children
Project: Repair/renovate facilities
Capital grant: \$38,220

South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department

Lee County

Mission: Fire protection
Project: Firefighting equipment
Capital grant: \$37,000

Crowe's Nest Farm

Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Lee, Hays and Williamson counties

Mission: Farm provides educational opportunities for students
Project: Tractor/loader and site improvements
Capital grant: \$35,540

Fedor Volunteer Fire Department

Lee County

Mission: Fire protection
Project: Replace equipment on two "brush trucks" to fight grass and brush fires
Capital grant: \$35,359

Winchester Area Volunteer Fire Department

Fayette County (mutual aid in Lee and Bastrop counties)

Mission: Fire protection
Project: Funding for "wildland fire"/first responder truck and equipment
Capital grant: \$34,660

Paige Volunteer Fire Department

Bastrop County

Mission: Fire protection
Project: Funding for a "utility terrain vehicle" (UTV) and trailer to fight grass and brush fires
Capital grant: \$29,839.49

Gaslight Baker Theatre

Caldwell County

Mission: Community theater productions
Project: Two new, energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems
Capital grant: \$28,307

Washington County EMS

Washington County (mutual aid agreements with Lee, Burleson, Austin and Fayette counties)

Mission: Emergency medical services
Project: Funding for "ready response" vehicle stationed in Chappell Hill
Capital grant: \$26,145

Combined Community Action

Austin, Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Lee, Hays and Washington counties

Mission: Assist people in becoming independent and self-sufficient
Project: New metal roof on central office in Giddings
Capital grant: \$26,000

Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support System

Bastrop and surrounding counties

Mission: Provide emergency food assistance, education and support
Project: Client and inventory tracking system and training
Capital grant: \$25,021

Capital Area Food Bank of Texas

Lee, Bastrop, Caldwell, Travis, Williamson, Fayette, Milam and Hays counties

Mission: Hunger relief for 21 counties
Project: Funds will go toward new building
Capital grant: \$25,000

Central Texas Regional Blood and Tissue Center

Travis, Hays, Caldwell, Lee, Bastrop, Burleson counties

Mission: Provides community blood supply for 39 medical facilities in 10 counties in Central Texas.
Project: Automation equipment and software for mobile blood drives
Capital grant: \$25,000

Brenham Main Street Historical Preservation Inc.

Washington County

Mission: Revitalizes and preserves historic business district
Project: Audio and video equipment at the Barnhill Center at the historic Simon Theatre
Capital grant: \$25,000

Capital Area Rural Transportation System

Bastrop, Lee, Caldwell and Williamson counties

Mission: Rural public transportation
Project: Two transit shelters
Capital grant: \$20,000

City of Brenham — Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library

Washington County

Mission: Provides public services
Project: Audio, visual and technology resources
Capital grant: \$20,000

Somerville Girls Little League

Burleson County

Mission: Softball teams for girls
Project: Improvements to Little League field, dugouts, batting cages and bleachers
Capital grant: \$19,991

Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas, in Kovar Osveta SPJST Lodge #38

Mission: Provide wholesome place for family-oriented celebrations in the Czech tradition; maintain historic hall to support community and fraternal endeavors
Project: Renovations to lodge hall
Capital grant: \$17,500

Greater San Marcos Youth Council, The Children's Shelter

Hays County

Mission: Emergency shelter for abused and neglected children
Project: Facility renovations
Capital grant: \$14,938

Scott & White Healthcare Foundation

Washington County

Mission: Provide free health care for indigent and economically disadvantaged patients in Washington County
Project: Facility upgrades, medical equipment and teaching aids
Capital grant: \$14,560

Ladies of Charity Bastrop Thrift Store

Bastrop County

Mission: Provide those in need with clothing and household and medical expenses
Project: New heating and air conditioning unit, light fixtures and improvements to parking lot
Capital grant: \$13,480

Ellinger Chamber of Commerce

Fayette County

Mission: Economic development and tourism promotion
Project: Two new energy-efficient heating and air conditioning units
Capital grant: \$12,700

OPERATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

American Red Cross Central Texas Chapter

Bastrop, Burleson, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Lee, Milam, Travis, Washington and Williamson counties

Mission: Emergency relief
Project: Disaster preparedness and response; volunteer recruitment and training
Operational grant: \$20,000

Hospice Brazos Valley

Washington, Burleson, Lee, Colorado, Milam, Austin, and Fayette counties

Mission: End of life care and bereavement services for terminally ill patients and their families
Project: Unfunded hospice care
Operational grant: \$20,000

Advocacy Outreach

Bastrop, Travis, Caldwell and Lee counties

Mission: Advocate for and provide services to poor and disenfranchised residents in Bastrop County and surrounding rural areas
Project: Early childhood development
Operational grant: \$20,000

Seton Hays Foundation

Hays, Caldwell, Bastrop and Travis counties

Mission: Provide access to medical services for low-income children in Central Texas
Project: Medical supplies, equipment and operating cost for Children's Care-a-van mobile services
Operational grant: \$20,000

Children's Advocacy Center

Bastrop, Lee and Fayette counties

Mission: Provides therapy services for abused children
Project: Therapy services for abused children
Operational grant: \$19,750

Bastrop County Women's Shelter

Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Lee counties

Mission: Services for people impacted by domestic and sexual violence
Project: Provide services and resources to victims of domestic and sexual violence
Operational grant: \$18,000

Heart of the Pines Volunteer Fire Department

Bastrop County (Bastrop, Paige and Smithville)

Mission: Fire protection & emergency rescue
Project: Cover cost to replace operational equipment/supplies destroyed during 2011 wildfires
Operational grant: \$13,971

Ronald McDonald House

Travis, Williamson, Milam, Lee, Burleson, Washington, Fayette, Bastrop and Caldwell counties

Mission: Temporary housing for families of sick or injured children
Project: To cover cost of overnight stays for families of sick or injured children
Operational grant: \$13,000

Combined Community Action

Bastrop, Lee and Fayette counties

Mission: Assists people in becoming independent and self-sufficient
Project: Supportive services for cancer survivors
Operational grant: \$10,000



MEMBER SERVICES

Q&A

Q: My son in high school is looking at options for college. He's an excellent student and active in a variety of extracurricular activities. Does Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative offer any scholarships for which he might qualify?

A: Great to hear that your son is thinking about his future! We love assisting aspiring leaders and offer two youth programs that he may find of interest.

First, the Government-in-Action Youth Tour offers two lucky high school students (in 10th, 11th or 12th grade) the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to tour our nation's capital. Each student selected to represent Bluebonnet on the tour also receives a \$500 scholarship during his or her senior year. During the chaperoned trip, students visit the U.S. Capitol, meet members of Congress and see historical sites such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Smithsonian



Institution museums. Before the Washington trip, the winners tour the Texas Capitol and Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. Applicants must live in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and who resides in Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within Bluebonnet's service area). The student must be available to participate in the Washington tour June 8-17, 2016. Students in accredited home extended study programs are eligible to apply. Applications are due by Jan. 29, 2016, so make sure your son applies soon. If he is chosen as a finalist, he must participate in an oral presentation and personal interview at 6 p.m. Feb. 8, 2016 in Bastrop.

The second opportunity is our Scholarships of Excellence program for high school students planning to pursue a trade and technical certificate, an associate's degree in a vocational field or a bachelor's degree. This year, Bluebonnet will award 25 \$2,500 trade and technical scholarships and 25 \$2,500 academic scholarships. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior and must live in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and resides in Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within Bluebonnet's service area). Graduating seniors in accredited home extended study programs are eligible to apply. The deadline is March 25, 2016.

Scholarships of Excellence requirements and applications are available through area high school counselors and vocational instructors, at any of Bluebonnet's five member service centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart and Manor and online at bluebonnet.coop. Hover over the Community tab, and click on Scholarships.

Questions? Call Karen Urban at 512-332-7961 or email karen.urban@bluebonnet.coop.

— Karen Urban,
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administrative assistant

Four co-op board seats up for election in 2016

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative members interested in running for one of four Board of Directors seats up for election this year have until Feb. 10, 2016 to turn in their applications. The election will be held during the co-op's Annual Meeting on May 10, 2016.

Bluebonnet's Board is made up of 11 directors who represent seven districts and serve staggered three-year terms. The four seats up for election represent District 1 — Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales and Hays counties; District 3 — Bastrop County; District 5 — Burleson County; and District 7 — Washington County.

Candidates can be nominated either by presenting an application for nomination with at least 50 signatures from co-op members in their respective districts or by paying a \$250 filing fee in certified funds.

To run for the Board, candidates must be at least 21 years old and a co-op member in good standing, agree to a background check and meet other qualifications outlined in Bluebonnet's bylaws, which are available at bluebonnet.coop. Hover your cursor over the "About" tab on the home page, click on "Leadership" in the drop-down bar and then click on the "Becoming a Director" link.

Application for nomination forms are available at the co-op's member service centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart and Manor and online at bluebonnet.coop, under the "About" tab and then "Reports & Forms" in the drop-down bar.

All candidates' petitions, filing fees and application for nomination forms must be submitted at any Bluebonnet member service center by 4 p.m. Feb. 10, 2016.

For more information, call a Bluebonnet member service representative at 800-842-7708 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Red Rock Community Center grant

Congratulations to Red Rock Community Center Inc., which received a \$32,967 community development grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative. The money will help fund improvements, including a new septic system, perimeter fence, new concrete sidewalks and a ramp and rails for accessibility. Originally built as a public school in 1929, the center now serves as a meeting place for nonprofits, an education training center and a polling location for elections. Applications for the LCRA's next round of grants are due Jan. 31. Information: www.lcra.org/cdpp. Unless otherwise noted, those pictured are with the Red Rock Community Center. From left: Wayne Pease, board member, Johnny Sanders (Bluebonnet), James Kershaw (Bluebonnet board member), Barbara Pennington, secretary/treasurer, Lori A. Berger (LCRA board member), Bonnie Shimek, vice president, Rick Arnic (LCRA) and Karen Rankin (LCRA).