

Bluebonnet, LCRA provide much-needed funds for community projects



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ABOVE: From left, Doyle Dahman, Prairie Hill-Rocky Hill VFD fire chief; Doug Zweiner, deputy fire chief; John Brieden, Washington County Judge; Lori A. Berger, LCRA Board member; Hondo Powell, Bluebonnet community representative; and Kate Holman, LCRA representative.



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The City of Martindale, two volunteer fire departments and a community center will be able to purchase equipment and improve facilities with a total of \$59,250 in grants from Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative and the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The grants were awarded through the LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program, which helps cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's electric and water service areas. Bluebonnet is one of LCRA's wholesale electric customers and a partner in the grant program.

The City of Martindale received \$24,832 to purchase a patrol car to help provide reliable and timely response to the residents of Martindale and the surrounding areas in Caldwell County. The Tilmon Community Club, 10 miles southeast of Lockhart, will replace exterior siding and install new insulation

ABOVE: Front, from left, Lori A. Berger, LCRA Board member; Harry Juergens, Martindale police chief; Milton Shaw, Bluebonnet Board member; and Deborah Rogers, Bluebonnet community representative. Back, from left, David Aguilar, Martindale city council member; Randy Bunker, mayor; Ernest Painter, mayor pro tem; and Rick Arnic, LCRA governmental affairs representative.

and energy efficient windows and doors with its \$19,500 grant. The club hopes to cut utility bills in half while increasing the safety and comfort within the center, which club members say is a point of pride in Tilmon and the neighboring communities of Elm Grove, McMahan and Lockhart.

The Prairie Hill-Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Department, which responds to fires and emergency calls in northeastern Washington County, received \$10,342 to buy two backup power generators and a portable light. And the Tanglewood Volunteer Fire Department received \$4,576 to buy new rescue tools designed specifically for vehicle rescues. Tanglewood firefighters, who serve northern Lee County and provide mutual aid to fire departments in the nearby communities of Rockdale, Lexington and Black Jack, respond to a high number of 18-wheeler and automobile crashes.

For information about the grant program, visit lcr.org/cdpp.



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ABOVE: From left, Lori A. Berger, LCRA Board member; Rick Arnic, LCRA governmental affairs representative; Jean Williams (seated), Tilmon Community Club treasurer; Tim Adams, club president; Bud Henderson, club vice president; Belinda Adams, club secretary; Ralph Williams, club member at large; Milton Shaw, Bluebonnet Board member; and Deborah Rogers, Bluebonnet community representative.



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The free event will include information about keeping your home safer from fire and examples of things you can do to reduce risks. Nonprofit environmental organizations from across the region are invited to showcase their work.

Want to learn more about the Sept. 17 event, or request a presentation or workshop? Call Michal Hubbard at **512-332-7977**.



WHEN: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 17, 2016
WHERE: Bluebonnet's Headquarters, 155 Electric Ave. (formerly 650 Texas Hwy. 21 East), Bastrop