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Grant Aids Rhema Ministries

A grant from the Albemarle Community Trust will help a Perquimans nonprofit make repairs to their facility and purchase equipment.

The \$3,500 grant was made to Rhema Ministries Inc., a Christian-based nonprofit organization located in Hertford. The organization plans to use the money to pay for repairs to the roof of their building and to purchase two computers and printers.

Rhema Ministries uses after-school learning programs to improve academic achievement and behavior and to increase high school graduation and college admission of at-risk students in Perquimans County.

“In addition to impacting participants directly, our program impacts the community on a whole,” said Hattie Sharpe, president of Rhema Ministries, Inc.

Initiated in 2001, ACT is funded by Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation members who agree to have their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. The amounts by which the bills are rounded up are then put into the fund. The donations average \$6 per year per participating member.

A nine-member board awards the grants to nonprofit organizations as well as individuals. To apply for a grant, call Albemarle EMC at (252) 426-5735.

Albemarle EMC, based near Hertford, is a member-owned, nonprofit electrical co-op that serves more than 12,000 consumers. The service territory includes the counties of Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and parts of Currituck.