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Grant Benefits Low-Income Homeowners

A grant from the Albemarle Community Trust will help low-income homeowners this summer.

The \$3,000 grant was recently given to the River City Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit company based in Elizabeth City. The grant will be used to fund a Summer Group work camp during the week of July 26-Aug. 1. The work camp will bring more than 400 young volunteers from across the nation to repair local homes for the elderly and disabled.

Initiated in 2001, the Albemarle Community Trust is funded by Albemarle EMC 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. 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.