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Grant Assists American Red Cross

A grant to the local chapter of the American Red Cross was recently approved by the Albemarle Community Trust Board of Directors.

The \$5,000 grant will be used to assist area families in times of need, said John Gillis, executive director.

“This money will be used to assist the Perquimans community when it comes to disasters be it single-family fires or anything major such as hurricanes, and we’ll continue to provide CPR and first aid classes in the county,” said John Gillis.

Initiated in 2001, the Albemarle Community Trust is funded by co-op 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 11,000 consumers. The service territory includes the counties of Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and parts of Currituck.