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South Plains Electric Cooperative's Operation Round Up Awards Record Number of Teacher Mini-Grants

LUBBOCK, TX (July 7, 2026) – South Plains Electric Cooperative's Operation Round Up awarded a record number of teacher mini-grants this year, benefiting 70 educators across the Cooperative's service area. The recipients represent 17 school districts, with a total of \$35,000 being reinvested into local classrooms to help teachers enhance student learning. The 2026 recipients are:

First Name	Last Name	School
Jana	Abston	Frenship ISD
Autumn	Aldrich	Trinity Christian School
Kandace	Arrott	Roosevelt ISD
Sara	Bading	Shallowater ISD
Rachel	Baldwin	Southcrest Christian School
Susan	Bennett	Shallowater ISD
Bailey	Berry	Cotton Center ISD
Linda	Blount	Abernathy ISD
Belinda	Boren	Frenship ISD
Jennifer	Brelsfoard	Frenship ISD
Laura	Buchanan	Frenship ISD
Andrea	Carter	Frenship ISD
Jessica	Castillo	Frenship ISD
Xiaqing	Chang	Harmony Science Academy
Samara	Chavez	Roosevelt ISD
Felicia	Cortez	Frenship ISD
Heather	Cortez	Lorenzo ISD
Lesli	Davis	Trinity Christian School

Amy	Detwiler	Childress ISD
Masey	Doss	Trinity Christian School
Shelby	Gaddis	Roosevelt ISD
Katie Beth	Goodnight	Kingdom Preparatory Academy
Kristi	Griffith	Roosevelt ISD
Melissa	Grimes	Roosevelt ISD
Dallas	Grimes	Roosevelt ISD
Myles	Hammack	Spur ISD
Jordan	Hancock	New Deal ISD
Meghan	Heinrich	Lubbock ISD
Mandy	Hernandez	Lubbock-Cooper ISD
Jaime	Herndon	Frenship ISD
Kimberly	Herring	Southcrest Christian School
Amber	Hillstrom	Roosevelt ISD
Abigail	Hudson	Frenship ISD
Stephanie	Humphrey	Frenship ISD
Wendy	Jones	Frenship ISD
Jesse	Jurgenson	Lubbock-Cooper ISD
Ian	Klotzman	Lubbock-Cooper ISD
Clete	Knippa	Roosevelt ISD
Lisa	Lacy	Roosevelt ISD
Amy	Lester	Abernathy ISD
Lely	Lopez	Abernathy ISD
Zoe	Mabry	Frenship ISD
Amber	Maddox	Frenship ISD
Rhonda	Maines	Guthrie ISD
Jessica	Medrano	Lubbock ISD
Troy	Moses	Roosevelt ISD
Dabnee'	Mosher	Frenship ISD
Kree	Okpon	Lubbock ISD
Nonnie	Peters	New Deal ISD
Deane	Pfannenstiel	Lubbock ISD
Cheri	Poe	Kingdom Preparatory Academy
Lisa	Pool	Roosevelt ISD
Sara	Richey	Frenship ISD
June	Russell	Lubbock ISD

Michelle	Salas	Roosevelt ISD
Micaela	Samples	Lubbock ISD
Jessica	Sanchez	Roosevelt ISD
Lisa	Sanders	Cotton Center ISD
Kinley	Saulters	Roosevelt ISD
Chere	Sikes	Frenship ISD
Lyndsi	Stewart	Frenship ISD
Lauren	Strathman	Kingdom Preparatory Academy
Reagan	Teinert	Frenship ISD
Carly	Torres	Roosevelt ISD
Flor	Valenzuela	Frenship ISD
Kellie	Victory	Trinity Christian School
Ben	Wade	New Deal ISD
Cynthia	Walden	Cotton Center ISD
Terri	Welch	Roosevelt ISD
Josie	Williams	Crosbyton ISD

The Operation Round Up Teacher Mini-Grant was created in 2012, and throughout the years, has awarded \$138,500 to local teachers. Teachers may apply at SPEC.coop/operationroundup and the next cycle will open in March of 2027.

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