

## Bluebonnet, LCRA grants support park, renovations, fire department

The Lower Colorado River Authority and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative provided several grants in Bluebonnet's service area recently. The grants are part of LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program to give back to the communities it serves. Bluebonnet is one of LCRA's wholesale electric customers and a partner in the grant program. Applications for the next round of grants will be accepted Jan. 1-31, 2020. More information is available at [lra.org/cdpp](http://lra.org/cdpp).

LCRA and Bluebonnet representatives, top right, present a \$25,000 grant to the Carmine Economic Development Corp. in Fayette County for improvements to Muehlbrad-Albers City Park. Pictured, from left to right, are Byron Balke, Bluebonnet Board assistant secretary/treasurer; Kate Holman, LCRA regional affairs representative; Mark Johnson, Bluebonnet community development representative; Robert 'Bob' Springer, Carmine EDC former board member; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; Kelli Sanford, Carmine EDC board member; Susan Bathe, Carmine EDC president; Kyle Merten, Bluebonnet community development representative; and Vicki LaRue, Carmine EDC secretary.



LCRA and Bluebonnet representatives present a \$19,095 grant to American Legion Post 602 Shelby in Fayetteville, center right, for building renovations. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Kate Holman, LCRA regional affairs representative; Bryon Balke, Bluebonnet Board assistant secretary/treasurer; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; and Robert 'Bobby' Rinn, Austin County commissioner. Middle row, left to right: Paul Burnside, Post 602 finance officer; Tom Rabb, Post 602 adjutant; Jerry Kubala, Post 602 commander; John Dennis, Post 602 member; and Kyle Merten, Bluebonnet community development representative. Back row, left to right: Post 602 members Gene Sera, Steve Pavlicek, Lebert Brune and Milton Heintschel.



LCRA and Bluebonnet representatives present a \$14,765 grant to the Heart of the Pines Volunteer Fire Department, bottom right, for an off-road utility vehicle with fire-suppression equipment. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Adrian Sepulveda, Heart of the Pines VFD captain; Rick Arnic, LCRA regional affairs representative; Roderick Emanuel, Bluebonnet Board vice chairman; Lori A. Berger, LCRA board member; Mizzy Hedge, VFD chief; and Deborah Rogers, Bluebonnet community development representative. Back row: Travis Ward, firefighter; Josh Lucas, VFD lieutenant; and Bryan Bracewell, Bluebonnet Board member.



LCRA photos



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## Bluebonnet hits renewable energy milestone

Bluebonnet celebrated several milestones in 2019. In addition to its 80th anniversary and surpassing 100,000 meters and 10,000 followers on Facebook, the cooperative added its 1,000th renewable energy member in November. Pandiyan Kaliyamorthy of Austin, center, received a cooler full of goodies, including a solar-powered portable battery pack, from Bluebonnet's Brittany Hardy, a member service representative, and Wesley Brinkmeyer, manager of energy services. Another milestone this year: The capacity of Bluebonnet members' renewable power is expected to exceed 10 megawatts early this year.

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Member services: 800-842-7708, email [memberservices@bluebonnet.coop](mailto:memberservices@bluebonnet.coop) or visit one of our five member service centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart and Manor.

### REPORT AN OUTAGE

Text **OUT** to 85700 (to enroll, text **BBOUTAGE** to that number), call 800-949-4414, go to [bluebonnet.coop](http://bluebonnet.coop) or use our mobile app.

### BOARD MEETING

Bluebonnet's Board of Directors will meet at 9 a.m. Jan. 21 at Bluebonnet's Headquarters, 155 Electric Ave., Bastrop.

### MAGAZINE QUESTIONS?

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### OFFICE CLOSINGS

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