



People's Energy Cooperative

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Operation Round Up® Grants \$38,450 to Local Organizations

ORONOCO, MN, April 23, 2026 — The People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board has provided \$38,450 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **American Red Cross:** \$2,000 in support of the Home Fire Program
- **City of Chatfield:** \$2,000 to help purchase snow removal equipment
- **Civil Air Patrol / SE MN Squadron 047:** \$1,200 in support of cadet programs
- **Eyota Days:** \$6,000 in support of the community lighting project
- **Grand Meadow Fire and Rescue:** \$5,000 to help build a new brush truck
- **Inconceivable Robotics:** \$1,300 to help purchase a new computer
- **KM Softball Booster Club:** \$1,000 to help fix field fencing
- **Leadership Greater Rochester:** \$1,000 in support of the Cascade Lake Adaptable Bike Station
- **Mazeppa Senior Citizens:** \$300 supporting fellowship for seniors
- **North Star Honor Flight:** \$2,000 in support of the Veteran's Honor Flight
- **Olmsted County 4-H:** \$1,000 to help with the cost of beef bedding
- **Olmsted County Homeless Community Network:** \$1,000 in support of Project Community Connect
- **Open Hearts Food Shelf:** \$2,000 to help with food purchases
- **Oxbow Park / Zollman Zoo:** \$1,500 to help with purchase a new freezer
- **Pine Island Baseball Association:** \$1,000 to support student access to equipment and programming
- **Plainview Community Theater:** \$1,500 to rent microphone equipment
- **SCORE Association:** \$500 in support of business mentoring and education
- **SPARK:** \$2,000 in support of STEM education
- **St. Charles High School:** \$1,000 in support of the Peer Helper Advance Training
- **St. Felix Elementary School:** \$650 to upgrade physical education equipment
- **Stewartville FC:** \$3,000 in support of startup training equipment
- **The Grace Foundation:** \$1,500 in support of school safety upgrades

The People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® fund started in 2002 and grants funds to a variety of charitable, educational, community, and youth-related programs and events.

The program is funded by donations made by members of People's Energy Cooperative who voluntarily have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the nearest dollar. Over 15,000 members currently participate with the average donation of \$6.00 a year per member, demonstrating that small change can add up to make a big difference.

Applications for funding are considered on a quarterly basis. The funds are held separately from the People's Energy Cooperative operating accounts and are administered through the Board of Trustees comprised of seven People's Energy Cooperative member volunteers.

To be considered for third quarter grants in 2026, applications must be submitted no later than June 20, 2026. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at www.peoplesenergy.coop/operation-round-up or by calling the Cooperative at (800) 214-2694.

About People's Energy Cooperative

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating 90 years of delivering retail electric power to its 20,000 consumer-members in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). People's is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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