



**People's Energy Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants nearly \$18,000 to local organizations

**ORONOCO, MN, February 5, 2025** — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$17,800 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **Bundles of Love** - \$500 to help purchase supplies for care packages to new mothers in need
- **Byron Robotics STEAM Association** - \$1,000 to help purchase robot component parts
- **Catholic Charities of Southern MN** - \$1,000 for the Mother and Child Assistance Fund
- **City of Elgin** - \$2,000 to help with the purchase of a new emergency warning signal
- **Deer Creek Longspurs (NWTF)** - \$200 in support of the National Wild Turkey Federation Youth Portal Shooting Range
- **Dover-Eyota Theatre and Music** - \$500 toward the purchase of a new sound board for the auditorium
- **Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch** - \$1,200 for the purchase of new energy-efficient lighting in Castner Riding Arena
- **Kasson-Mantorville Community Education** - \$500 in support of expanding arts access
- **Kasson-Mantorville Softball Booster Club** - \$500 to help with the purchase of new netting for the pitching warm-up area
- **Mazeppa Senior Citizens** - \$300 in support of fellowship events for seniors
- **Oronoco Food Shelf** - \$400 to help purchase technology and dry food storage upgrades
- **Othello Cemetery** - \$1,000 to help with restoration and preservation of monuments
- **Pine Island Senior Center** - \$700 to help with the installation of automatic swing doors
- **Plainview Area Community and Youth Center** - \$2,000 in support of the kitchen remodel project
- **Project Get Outdoors, Inc.** - \$500 to help print booklets for SE Minnesota Park Rx
- **Rochester Risers Rotary Club** - \$500 in support of My Book Day

- **RPS Varsity Robotics Team 2530** - \$500 to help with the purchase of robot replacement parts
- **Stewartville Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)** - \$500 in support of ECFE Infant Welcome Packets
- **Stewartville High School** - \$1,000 to help purchase trash cans for the parking lot
- **Stewartville Middle School** - \$1,000 to help with the purchase of Solar Suitcases equipment
- **The Grace Foundation** - \$1,000 in support of RCLS Safe & Secure
- **Triton Elementary School** - \$500 to help purchase supplies for 3D Pen Exploration
- **Zumbro Valley Health Center** - \$500 to help purchase supplies for the Youth Support Hub

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. Nearly 16,000 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 second quarter grants in 2025, applications must be submitted no later than March 20, 2025. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at [www.peoplesenergy.coop/operation-round-up](http://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 over 85 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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