



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants over \$19,000 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, May 6, 2024 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$19,394.15 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- \$1,000 to Chatfield Center for the Arts, Inc. in support of Community Music in the Park
- \$1,270 to the City of Chatfield for new signage at Mill Creek Frisbee Golf
- \$2,999 to Dover-Eyota Public Schools for the purchase of coding robots
- \$1,500 in support of the Dover-Eyota 8th Grade Trip to Eagle Bluff Environmental Center
- \$1,124.16 to ECOFEST Foundation, Inc. to help plant trees
- \$1,500 to the Kasson Fire Department in support of developing a tabletop training tool
- \$4,000 to the Lake City Fire Department for Operation Safe Air
- \$500 in support of the Mazeppa Area Historical Society's new building project
- \$2,000 to SPARK for STEM education programming
- \$2,000 to St. John's Lutheran Church in support of the Stewartville little food pantries
- \$500 to The Salvation Army – Rochester for the purchase of Castlevue Apartments move-in kits
- \$1,000 to the Wanamingo VFW to help purchase and install a flag pole at the veterans memorial

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 17,000 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 2024, applications must be submitted no later than June 20, 2024. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at www.peoplesenergy.coop/operation-round-up or by calling the Cooperative at (507) 367-7054 or (800) 214-2694.

About People's Energy Cooperative

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating 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 and employer.

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