



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants \$24,282 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, August 11, 2022 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$24,282 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **Chatfield Elementary School:** \$2,500 to purchase books for the *Read and Succeed* program
- **Stewartville Chamber of Commerce:** \$3,000 to purchase supplies for the *Chamber Extension* lending program
- **Pine Island Area Home Services:** \$1,500 to help with the installation of an electrical power assist entry door
- **Brighter Tomorrows (Rochester):** \$1,000 to purchase supplies for *Hero Packs*, given to families who have a child fighting cancer or have lost a child to cancer
- **City of Eyota Parks and Recreation Department:** \$3,500 in support of their community recreation expansion project
- **Friends of Whitewater State Park (Altura):** \$1,500 to help in the development of an interpretive wildlife panel for the visitor center
- **Ability Building Community (Rochester):** \$1,600 in support of recreational activities for individuals served by Ability Building Community
- **RCTC Learning is ForEver (Rochester):** \$2,000 in support of two events celebrating 30 years of Learning is ForEver programming at RCTC
- **Kasson-Mantorville Community Education:** \$2,000 to help purchase learning materials for *Nature Connection: Taking Learning Outdoors*
- **Miracle Field of Rochester, MN:** \$2,500 to aid in the restoration of the playing field
- **Jeremiah Program of Rochester:** \$2,000 to support year-round supplemental enrichment
- **St. Charles Public Schools:** \$1,182 in support of *Little Saints Family Fun Day*

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 fourth quarter grants in 2022, applications must be submitted no later than September 20, 2022. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at www.peoplesenergy.coop 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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