



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants over \$26,000 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, August 2, 2024 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$26,329 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- \$1,350 to Ability Building Community in support of a new job skills program
- \$2,500 to Chatfield Public Schools in support of STEM activities for the preschool
- \$10,000 to the City of Eyota in support of new swings at the West Side Playground
- \$1,000 to Damascus Way to help purchase a car
- \$1,000 to Elder Network to help purchase games for respite programming
- \$1,679 to Eyota Kids Korner, LLC to help with the purchase of an AED
- \$2,000 to Hiawatha Homes Foundation to help with the purchase of an EZ Ceiling Lift
- \$1,500 to Oronoco Gold Rush Days in support of infrastructure and logistics for the event
- \$800 to Stewartville Public Schools in support of the Canoemobile program
- \$1,500 to The Landing MN in support of the H.E.R.O. Van program
- \$3,000 to Wabasha County Fair Ag Association to help cover the cost of youth entertainment during the fair

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 2024, applications must be submitted no later than September 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 (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 and employer.

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