




People's Energy Cooperative

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Operation Round Up® Grants \$22,150 to Local Organizations

ORONOCO, MN, August 1, 2025 — The People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board has provided \$22,150 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **Ability Building Community** - \$1,500 for the construction of a pergola
- **Bear Cave Intermediate** - \$3,250 in support of the Pinbox 3000 and Canoemobile curriculum
- **Bolder Options** - \$1,500 to help purchase youth bikes
- **Chatfield Center for the Arts** - \$1,000 in support of the Ghost Light Lounge resident musicians
- **Childhood Cancer Community** - \$2,000 in support of Journey Packs
- **Elder Network** - \$500 to help expand access to technology
- **Hiawatha Homes Foundation** - \$1,000 for accessible technology
- **Immanuel Lutheran School** - \$2,000 for updated math curriculum
- **Ivan Stringer American Legion Post 164** - \$2,500 to assist with the replacement of a door and ADA compliance
- **Mediation & Conflict Solutions** - \$1,000 to help purchase a new laptop
- **Olmsted County 4-H** - \$500 for Fall Festival tickets
- **Oronoco Gold Rush Days** - \$900 in support of event expenses
- **Plainview Area History Center** - \$2,000 to lift and level their front walkway
- **Salt & Light Partners** - \$1,000 in support of their First Responder Family Day
- **St. Charles Public Library** - \$500 to establish a Library of Things
- **The Med City Moonshots** - \$1,000 to help with the cost of player insurance

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 fourth quarter grants in 2025, applications must be submitted no later than September 20, 2025. 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 nearly 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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