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

ORONOCO, MN, November 8, 2024 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$19,005 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- Boy Scouts of America Troop 56 \$505 in support of building a mini horse stable at Ironwood Springs
- Bulldog Youth Baseball \$2,500 to help replace fencing at Eckstein Field
- Grand Meadow Fire Department \$1,500 to help with the purchase of new fire fighting gloves
- High Forest Old Settlers Assn. \$1,500 to support the construction of a new playground at High Forest Town Square
- Jeremiah Program \$1,500 to help purchase winter resources for Jeremiah Program families
- Next Chapter Ministries \$1,500 to help with the construction of a women's outdoor community space
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church \$1,000 to help with the purchase of an AED
- Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo \$1,500 to help with the replacement of a freezer
- PEM Drama Booster Club \$1,000 to purchase costumes and set materials for the musical
- Plainview Area Food Shelf \$2,500 to help purchase new computers and a printer
- St. Charles Public Schools \$500 in support of their Halloween Bash
- Wabasha-Kellogg Public Schools \$500 in support of the roller-skating program
- Zumbro Valley Food Shelf \$2,000 to help with the purchase of food
- Zumbrota/Mazeppa Robotics 7273 \$1,000 to help with the purchase of robotics supplies

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 first quarter grants in 2025, applications must be submitted no later than December 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, employer, and lender.

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