



# People's Energy Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$11,168 to local organizations

**ORONOCO, MN, February 10, 2016** — People's Energy Cooperative's Operation Round Up® Trust Board has provided \$11,168 in grants to the following area organizations:

- \$500.00: Chatfield STEM for Machine Contest
- \$1,000.00: City of Plainview Parks & Recreation for Eckstein Athletic Field Renovation
- \$750.00: Friends of Chester Woods for electrical wiring Income for Outreach project
- \$500.00: Kasson-Mantorville Community Education for TRX Training System
- \$1,161.00: Lake City Education Foundation for Grant Match
- \$1,100.00: Oronoco Fire Fighters Relief Association for piercing nozzle to improve fire suppression
- \$840.00: Pine Island Community Ed for 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- \$1,455.00: Pine Haven Community for building addition and enhancement
- \$500.00: Plainview Area Community and Youth Center for an air conditioner
- \$1,000.00: Plainview Community Pool Advisory Committee for pool equipment
- \$467.97: The Diversity Council for the Martin Luther King Jr. Poetry Contest
- \$1,000.00: U of M Extension Forestry & MN Master Naturalist Programs for Gathering Partners of Natural Resources Conference
- \$893.95: Zumbro Education District - ALC for Fitness Equipment

The People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® fund started in 2002 and has granted a total of \$90,710 in 2015 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. Approximately 17,000 members currently participate with the average donation of \$6.00 a year per member, demonstrating that small change can 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 second quarter grants in 2016, applications must be submitted no later than March 21, 2016. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at [www.peoplesenergy.coop](http://www.peoplesenergy.coop) or by calling the Cooperative at (507) 367-7015 or (800) 214-2694.

### **About People's Energy Cooperative**

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating nearly 80 years of delivering retail electric power to its nearly 18,800 member-owners 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).

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