




People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants \$32,518 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, January 26, 2021 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$32,518 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- Bundles of Love Charity (Rochester) - \$1,000 for bundles of love initiative
- Dodge County Faith in Action (Kasson) - \$1,000 to assist with housekeeping services for the elderly
- Elgin-Millville EMS, Inc. - \$3,962 to help purchase new uniforms for volunteer staff
- Kasson-Mantorville Community Education - \$2,000 to help upgrade playground equipment
- Oronoco Food Shelf - \$2,000 to help with the purchase of new flooring
- Plainview Area Community & Youth Center - \$4,556 to assist with expenses in light of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Plainview Area History Center - \$2,000 to assist with an exterior painting project
- RCTC's Learning is ForEver Program (Rochester) - \$1,500 to assist with producing online classes
- Stewartville Tigers Trap Team - \$8,000 to help construct a second trap shooting range
- Stewartville-Racine Diamond Club - \$5,000 to help with the construction of storage and fully operational bathrooms at the baseball and softball fields in Stewartville
- Triton Family Consumer Science Program (Dodge Center) - \$1,500 to help with the purchase of ranges for the Culinary Pathway program

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. 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 2021, applications must be submitted no later than March 20, 2021. 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 over 80 years of delivering retail electric power to its 19,000 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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