



# People's Energy Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$28,534 to local organizations

**ORONOCO, MN, May 4, 2018** — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$28,534 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- \$5,604 - Eyota Volunteer Ambulance Service for a new stretcher.
- \$5,000 – Three Rivers Community Action – Hiawathaland Transit to help equip their new dispatch and administrative facility in Plainview.
- \$800 – Hayfield Community Ambulance for a device to help safely transport children by ambulance.
- \$5,604 – Plainview Volunteer Fire Department for a washer and dryer specifically designed for turnout gear.
- \$1,000 - Willow Creek Public School PTSA (Rochester) to replace aging phy ed equipment.
- \$800 – Children's Dental Health Services (Rochester) to help expand services to small communities.
- \$850 – Project Get Outdoors, Inc. (Wabasha) to train adults as Project GO Trainers.
- \$1,000 - Harriet Bishop Elementary School (Rochester) for hands-on math back packs that will be able to be checked out through the school library.
- \$1,000 – Back Country Horsemen MN Zumbro Bottoms (Theilman) for camp updates and improvements.
- \$800 – Elgin Economic Development Authority community movie night equipment.
- \$1,000 – City of Dover to help replace the outfield fence on the baseball field.
- \$500 – Plainview Area History Center to paint interior walls of the History Center.
- \$2,076 – The Reading Center/Dyslexia Institute of MN (Rochester) for tutoring materials.
- \$1,000 – Rochester Hope Lodge to assist with the 2018 Relay for Life at Hope Lodge.
- \$750 – History Center of Olmsted County for re-enactors at the Living History Fair.
- \$1,000 – Relay for Life Olmsted County (American Cancer Society) to assist with the 2018 relay event.

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 third quarter grants in 2018, applications must be submitted no later than June 20, 2018. 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 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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