



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$29,673 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, May 3, 2019 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$29,673 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- \$500 - PEM Backpack for Food Program to help with food purchases (Zumbro Falls)
- \$2,000 – New Life Family Services / First Care Pregnancy Center for their new Rochester office location
- \$1,500 – PEM Boys Soccer Booster Club for the purchase of soccer goals (Plainview)
- \$3,000 – Zumbro Valley Food Shelf to help with food purchases (Zumbro Falls)
- \$2,738.60 – Southeast MN Back Country Horsemen for the construction of benches and hitching rails at Forestville State Park (Hayfield)
- \$1,600 – Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota to support the program Financial Literacy for Adults, Young Adults, and Teens (Rochester)
- \$1,000 – Women's Shelter and Support Center to help provide transportation for domestic violence victims (Rochester)
- \$2,084.40 – City of Oronoco to assist in the restoration of Allis Park
- \$1,000 – Camp Victory for the construction of a slippery slide (Zumbro Falls)
- \$500 – Theilman Sportsman's Club for the purchase of new event tables
- \$1,000 – Plainview Community Pool to assist in the purchase of a sound system
- \$1,950 – American Cancer Society to support the Relay for Life of Olmsted County (Rochester)
- \$3,500 – Jeremiah Program Rochester and SE Minnesota to support the program Life Skills and Empowerment for Educational Success
- \$300 – Byron Community Education ECFE to support the Little Cubs Library Class
- \$500 – Kasson-Mantorville School Readiness PreK/S.M.A.R.T. to assist the purchase of playground equipment
- \$1,500 – JOY (Justice and Opportunity for Youth) to support after-school programming (Rochester)
- \$1,000 – The Reading Center / Dyslexia Institute of MN to assist in the purchase of tutoring materials (Rochester)

- \$750 – Exercisabilities, Inc. to help with the cost of staff training for a young adult scoliosis rehab program (Rochester)
- \$1,000 – History Center of Olmsted County to support the Living History Fair (Rochester)
- \$1,250 – Ronald McDonald House to support their Angels of Inspiration program (Rochester)
- \$1,000 – Mazeppa Veterans Honor Guard in support of their Field of Flags (Mazeppa)

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 2019, applications must be submitted no later than June 20, 2019. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at 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 over 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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