



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants \$27,215 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, April 27, 2021 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$27,215 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **American Red Cross SE Minnesota (Rochester)** - \$500 to support the *Home Fire Program*
- **Bulldog Youth Baseball (Plainview/Elgin)** - \$2,000 to support the purchase of a new scoreboard
- **City of Elgin** - \$5,385 to help with the costs of sealing a well
- **City of Kasson – Economic Development Authority** - \$3,500 to support the *Historic Wall and Pillars Project*
- **Immanuel Lutheran School** - \$2,500 to support a playground update
- **Kasson-Mantorville Community Education** – \$1,875 to support summer academic programming
- **PEM Softball/Soccer (Plainview/Elgin)** - \$3,655.80 to support the purchase of new scoreboards
- **Plainview Public Library** - \$1,000 to help with the purchase of a portable indoor/outdoor public address system
- **Relay for Life – Dodge County** - \$3,000 to help with event expenses
- **Salvation Army Heatshare (Rochester)** - \$2,500 to support the *Heatshare* program
- **Stewartville Early Childhood** - \$1,000 to support *Tiger Cubs Summer Preschool*
- **Stewartville Middle School** - \$299.20 for the purchase of coding drones

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 2021, applications must be submitted no later than June 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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