



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$26,035 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, November 8, 2019 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$26,035 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- Hometown Resource Center (St. Charles): \$1,803.56 to purchase merchandising and donation storage materials
- Plainview-Elgin-Millville Elementary School: \$1,200 to purchase reading support for at-risk students in Kindergarten through Grade 1
- Southeast Service Cooperative (Rochester): \$4,505.63 to support the SE MN Knowledge Bowl
- Othello Cemetery Association (Genoa): \$750 to restore and preserve monuments at Othello Cemetery
- Dover-Eyota Music Association: \$1,000 in support of the 2019 SE MN a Cappella Festival
- Grand Meadow Fire Department: \$4,250 to purchase a new vent fan
- Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester: \$1,000 in support of the Christmas at Assisi performance costs
- Bear Cave Intermediate School (Stewartville): \$1,000 in support of the Wilderness Inquiry – Canoemobile program
- St. John's Wee Care Learning Center (Stewartville): \$822.41 in support of the STEAM-Powered Preschoolers program
- Brighter Tomorrows (Rochester): \$3,000 in support of the Winter Family Retreat 2020
- Kasson-Mantorville Community Education: \$1,700 in support of PBIS Implementation
- St. Felix Catholic School (Wabasha): \$4,504.62 in support of their water efficiency project
- Wabasha-Kellogg Public Schools: \$500 in support of their Rolling for Fitness and Fun 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 first quarter grants in 2020, applications must be submitted no later than December 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 19,000 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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