



# People's Energy Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$21,070.86 to local organizations

**ORONOCO, MN, October 26, 2020** — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$21,070.86 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- Ability Building Center (Rochester): \$1,200 for life enrichment in the lounge
- Bear Cave Intermediate School (Stewartville): \$3,000 for *PinBox 3000*
- City of Oronoco – Zumbro River Regional Water Trail: \$4,600 for master planning and public engagement with the *Zumbro River Regional Water Trail* development
- Dover Eyota Public Schools Band Program: \$1,600 for *Harmony Bridge: Bringing Music to our Seniors*
- Grand Meadow Fire Department: \$3,200 for the purchase of cribbing for rescue vehicles
- Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research (Olmsted County): \$2,000 for *Creando Ando*
- HOPE Ranch Foundation (Chatfield): \$3,000 for continued education and staffing for equine assisted psychotherapy program
- Mantorville Art Guild: \$1,000 for *Mantorville Art Guild Bags and More*
- Othello Cemetery Association (Byron): \$1,000 for restoration and preservation of grave markers
- Triton Preschool: Triton Public Schools (Dodge Center): \$470.86 for math curriculum storage and manipulatives

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 2021, applications must be submitted no later than December 20, 2020. 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) 367-7054 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 over 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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