



**People's Energy Cooperative**

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## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants \$20,827 to local organizations

**ORONOCO, MN, May 10, 2022** — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$20,827 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **American Red Cross SE MN (Rochester):** \$2,000 for their *Home Fire Program*
- **Elder Network (Rochester):** \$1,000 in support of caregiver respite, education, and support
- **Elgin Millville EMS, Inc. (Elgin):** \$5,000 to help purchase professional attire for volunteers
- **History Center of Olmsted County (Rochester):** \$1,500 to assist with the *Smoke House* restoration
- **Kasson-Mantorville Community Education (Kasson):** \$500 to help build a strengths-based culture within the district
- **Plainview Elgin Millville ECSE Program (Plainview):** \$1,000 for the development of a sensory room
- **Pine Island Zumbrota Mazeppa Youth Soccer (Pine Island):** \$500 to help re-purpose existing goals with new nets and wheels
- **Plainview Public Library (Plainview):** \$700 towards the development of the *Community Story Stroll*
- **Sing Out Loud (Rochester):** \$650 to support youth choral arts community outreach
- **Stewartville Elementary PTA (Stewartville):** \$3,000 to assist with the playground expansion at Bear Cave Intermediate School
- **Stewartville Middle School (Stewartville):** \$550 in support of the *Tiny Home Construction* curriculum
- **The Salvation Army of Rochester, MN (Rochester):** \$1,000 to help purchase *Castlevue* move-in kits
- **Wabasha Area Food Share, Inc. (Wabasha):** \$2,427 to help with the purchase of a refrigerator
- **Zumbro Falls VFW 1802 (Zumbro Falls):** \$1,000 in support of the *Hometown Heroes Memorial*

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. Nearly 17,000 members currently participate with the average donation of \$6.00 a year per member, demonstrating that small change can add up to 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 2022, applications must be submitted no later than June 20, 2022. 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 85 years of delivering retail electric power to its 20,000 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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