



**People's Energy Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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### People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants \$31,345 to local organizations

**ORONOCO, MN, May 30, 2023** — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$31,345 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **American Red Cross (Rochester)** - \$1,300 in support of the Home Fire Program
- **Camp Victory (Zumbro Falls)** - \$2,800 to help improve the slippery slide
- **Dover Eyota Eagle Wrestling Club** - \$2,500 to help with the purchase of a new wrestling mat
- **Hiawatha Homes Foundation (Rochester)** - \$2,500 to help purchase slings and harnesses
- **Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch (Stewartville)** - \$2,500 to help purchase a new wireless thermostat system
- **Kasson Mantorville Early Childhood Special Education** - \$1,500 to help develop a classroom sensory wall
- **Lake City Fire Department** - \$2,500 for the purchase of life jackets for rescue crews
- **Next Chapter Ministries (Rochester)** - \$1,500 for the development of a Little Legacies play space
- **PEM Drama Booster Club (Plainview)** - \$2,250 to help purchase hotstik stage lights
- **Rochester Art Center** - \$350 in support of the SE MN High School Art Show
- **Rochester Youth Fastpitch Softball Association** - \$3,395 for the purchase of an ice machine at the Rochester Softball Complex
- **Stewartville Community Education Tiger Time** - \$2,500 for transportation to and from swimming lessons
- **The Grace Foundation (Rochester)** - \$250 to help with the purchase of new student tables and seating
- **Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. (Zumbrota)** - \$2,500 in support of the HART Volunteer Transportation Program
- **Zumbro Valley Food Shelf (Zumbro Falls)** - \$3,000 to help with the purchase of food

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 2023, applications must be submitted no later than June 20, 2023. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at [www.peoplesenergy.coop/operation-round-up](http://www.peoplesenergy.coop/operation-round-up) 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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