

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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## People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants \$30,134.49 to local organizations

**ORONOCO, MN, November 23, 2022** — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$30,134.49 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **Bulldog Youth Baseball (Plainview):** \$5,000 for the installation of fencing around Field B
- **Byron Community Education:** \$1,500 to help develop a community makerspace
- **Creation Kids Preschool (Kasson):** \$1,925.72 to help purchase technology for curriculum implementation
- ExercisAbilities (Rochester): \$1,500 to help create a sensory environment
- **Grand Meadow Fire Department:** \$8,000 for the purchase of a new chest compressor system
- **Kasson Fire Department:** \$5,820 for the purchase of a positive pressure ventilation fan
- Kasson-Mantorville Community Education: \$1,500 for the purchase of CPR / AED / First Aid training equipment
- Lake City Area Arts: \$1,688.77 for the purchase of a portable sound system
- **Minnesota Academy of Science:** \$1,000 in support of the 2023 Minnesota Regional Science Bowls
- Stewartville Troop 56 / City of Kasson: \$1,700 to help purchase supplies for new benches and bird boxes at a public nature park
- Wabasha-Kellogg Public Schools: \$500 to support *Gliding Through Aspects of Health*

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 first quarter grants in 2023, applications must be submitted no later than December 20, 2022. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at <u>www.peoplesenergy.coop</u> 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<sup>®</sup> 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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