



People's Energy Cooperative

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Operation Round Up® Grants \$13,100 to Local Organizations

ORONOCO, MN, November 10, 2025 — The People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board has provided \$13,100 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **Benedictine Living Communities:** \$1,000 in support of quality of life initiatives
- **Boys & Girls Club of Rochester:** \$1,000 to purchase books for Reading Buddies
- **Chatfield Public Schools:** \$1,500 to help purchase trees to plant
- **Christmas Anonymous, Inc.:** \$1,500 to help purchase shoes, boots, and skates
- **Damascus Way Reentry Center:** \$1,000 to help purchase essential needs for clients
- **Food Allergies Rochester, MN:** \$600 to help purchase allergy-friendly food for underserved families
- **Jeremiah Program:** \$1,000 in support of summer youth enrichment
- **Next Chapter Reentry Project:** \$500 to help establish a men's fitness room
- **Plainview Public Library:** \$3,500 to help purchase supplies for literacy support
- **Wabasha-Kellogg Public Schools:** \$500 in support of roller-skating curriculum
- **Zumbrota / Mazeppa Robotic Booster Club:** \$1,000 to help with purchasing supplies and other expenses

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. Over 15,000 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 2026, applications must be submitted no later than December 20, 2025. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at www.peoplesenergy.coop/operation-round-up or by calling the Cooperative at (800) 214-2694.

About People's Energy Cooperative

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating nearly 90 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, employer, and lender.

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