



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust – Operation Round Up® grants \$26,000 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, August 10, 2021 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$26,000 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **The Landing, MN (Rochester)** - \$2,500 to help provide meals for the homeless at the day center in Rochester
- **American Legion, Wm. T. McCoy Post #92 (Rochester)** - \$3,700 to help construct a storage shed adjacent to their facility
- **Byron Sportsmen & Conservation Club** - \$3,000 toward renovations and repair of the club house's enclosed porch
- **Hayfield Community Food Pantry** - \$2,000 to purchase shirts for a fundraising initiative
- **Rochester Active Sports Club** - \$600 to support a trail maintenance program
- **Ability Building Center (Rochester)** - \$1,200 to help launch a customer service skills program
- **Jeremiah Program Rochester – SE MN** - \$2,500 to support summer enrichment activities for children living at the Jeremiah Program campus
- **Bear Cave Intermediate School (Stewartville)** - \$3,000 to help purchase supplies for leveled literacy intervention
- **Gamehaven Council (Rochester)** - \$5,000 toward the purchase of a pool solar cover
- **Pine Island Panther Preschool** - \$1,000 for the purchase of PreK playground equipment
- **St. Charles Community Education** - \$1,500 to help improve the preschool reading curriculum

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 fourth quarter grants in 2021, applications must be submitted no later than September 20, 2021. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at 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 19,000 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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