



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$25,644 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, February 10, 2020 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$25,644 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- **\$1,000** – Bundles of Love (Rochester) for the purchase of bundle supplies
- **\$1,000** – Byron Robotics for the purchase of robotic supplies
- **\$2,000** – Channel One Regional Food Bank (Rochester) to support the Childhood Hunger Program
- **\$2,500** – Gamehaven Council, Boy Scouts of America (rural Rochester) to support their commissary building rehabilitation project
- **\$1,000** – Immanuel Lutheran School (Plainview) to assist in the purchase of a new smart board
- **\$1,000** – Kasson-Mantorville Community Education in support of their *Marketing for the Future* initiative
- **\$700** – MN Council for the Gifted and Talented (Rochester GATEway Chapter) to support of the 2020 Rochester GATEway Science Fair
- **\$500** – Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association (Chatfield) to support the Progressive Winter Series Clinics with Lita Perrin
- **\$1,355** – Oronoco Lions Club for the installation of lighting at the Oronoco hockey rink
- **\$2,072** – Plainview Area Community & Youth Center for the replacement of the furnace motor and purchase of a new printer
- **\$1,000** – Rochester Repertory Theatre to assist with theater improvements
- **\$1,000** – St. Charles Early Childhood Family Education in support of the *Love and Logic* class
- **\$500** – St. Charles Preschool for the purchase of playground equipment
- **\$1,176** – Stewartville Early Childhood for the purchase of social emotional technology
- **\$3,000** – The Salvation Army – Northern Division Headquarters to support HeatShare
- **\$1,000** – The Salvation Army of Rochester, MN to support the homeless recovery efforts at Castleview Apartments
- **\$4,341** – VFW Post 8980 in support of the Stewartville Veterans Memorial
- **\$500** – Wells Peterson Post #0384 for the purchase of a new freezer and cooking stove

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 second quarter grants in 2020, applications must be submitted no later than March 20, 2020. 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 over 19,000 member-owners 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).

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