



December 12, 2025

GrowSWMN
Joan Stout
101 4th St NE
Pipestone, MN 56164

Dear Joan:

I am pleased to inform you that the GrowSWMN has been selected to receive an Operation Round Up® contribution in the amount of \$800.00. The Sioux Valley Energy Customers' Trust Board of Directors approved funding at its most recent meeting.

Operation Round Up® funding comes from Sioux Valley Energy members who round up their electric bill to the next highest dollar along with many employees who deduct a small amount from their paychecks. That money is collected and then placed into a trust. At the latest quarterly meeting, \$42,000.00 in Operation Round Up grants were awarded. Since the year 2000, more than \$2.5 million has been awarded to worthy causes.

The funds you were awarded must be used for the purposes identified in your application and for expenses incurred after the date the award was approved by the Sioux Valley Energy Customers' Trust Board of Directors unless otherwise specified. Please submit a copy of detailed receipts with expenses incurred for your project. Upon confirmation of the use of the dollars towards your approved project, a check will be written to your organization.

Additionally, we would like to help tell your story and highlight how you used the funding. Please email an electronic photo showcasing your event, project, or cause to **Amy Voelker** at amy.voelker@siouxvalleyenergy.com. You can also contact me by calling **800-234-1960 Ext. 1603**. We plan to utilize these photos in our newsletter, on social media and in other various communication avenues. Please ensure that individuals featured in any photos that you send have given you permission for publication.

If you have any questions about Operation Round Up® or the paperwork needed to process this grant, please feel free to contact me. Again, congratulations on your award.

Sincerely,

Amy Voelker

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Public Relations Coordinator
Operation Round Up Assistant

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