



YES! TEAM GRANT GUIDELINES 2009-2010

Application Deadline: December 7, 2009

Notification of Award: January 6, 2010

Final Report Deadline: April 1, 2010

Teams will apply for a single grant to defray costs associated with team and energy action project expenses. No additional expense reimbursement will be required.

Each team is eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$2,750.

Allowable Expenditures:

- Up to **\$750** maximum for substitute teacher fees, transportation fees, other direct school costs
- Up to **\$1000** maximum for coaching stipends
- Up to the **remainder of \$2,750** for energy action project expenses
 - Allowable costs are only those costs that are directly related to those activities necessary for the completion of the proposed YES! energy action project
 - Allowable costs may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Contract or consulting services necessary for the project including costs of contract feasibility studies, project management services, engineering and design, environmental studies, field studies, and surveys for the project as well as costs incurred to comply with ecological, environmental, and health and safety laws
 - Direct labor, benefits, travel, food, lodging for individuals (outside of school staff) who work directly on the project
 - Costs of materials, supplies, equipment, purchased or leased by the applicant that are necessary for the project
 - Costs of acquiring, transporting, leasing, installing, operating, and maintaining equipment necessary for the project, including sales and use taxes

Ineligible Expenditures:

- Costs not necessary for and directly related to the YES! team and their energy action project
- Any costs incurred prior to September 1, 2009
- The \$50 per student fee for YES! activities may not be paid through this grant. YES! staff can assist teams in finding support if the fees are a barrier. School monies can be used to pay the fees if they wish, but money from SWIF cannot directly pay these fees.

Other Criteria:

- Final report documents, including a budget and narrative are due on or before **April 1, 2010**
- Any funds not expended by April 1 will require submission of an updated budget and narrative on or before **May 21, 2010**. All SWIF grant funds **MUST** be expended by **May 21, 2010**

YES! is a team-oriented youth program that uses hands-on, experiential learning and energy action projects to address energy opportunities and issues in rural Minnesota communities. YES! 2009-2010 is administered by the Southwest Initiative Foundation, implemented through partnerships with Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, and funded in part by the Minnesota Renewable Energy Marketplace: An Alliance for Talent Development. Say YES! Put energy into our future! Contact us at 1-800-594-9480, sayyes@swifoundation.org or visit www.youthenergysummit.com.