



Yale University Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grants

In October 2005, President Levin committed Yale to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 10% below 1990 levels by the year 2020. Yale's priority is to achieve greenhouse gas reductions via implementing initiatives on its campus and owned land, with the balance of planned reductions being achieved via partnering with outside entities. Our strategy is organized by energy conservation, renewable and clean energy technology as well as investments in carbon offsets.

In an effort to engage the Yale community in achieving this goal, the Office of Sustainability has created a 1-year Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant with support from the original Green Fund.

Goals and Guidelines

The **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant** is intended to lead the development of small scale innovative solutions, from awareness campaigns to operational changes, that can be implemented on the Yale campus and contribute to achieving Yale's greenhouse gas emission reduction goal.

The **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant** must be able to quantify the resulting reduction in greenhouse gases and show a timetable for achievement. This grant is NOT meant to be used for research or feasibility studies.

The Office of Sustainability will be holding a **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant** workshop to provide an overview of Yale's greenhouse gas reduction commitment, strategies and progress to date. Individuals and teams interested in applying for a grant are highly encouraged to attend the workshop.

Eligibility

All members of the Yale community (students, staff, and faculty) are eligible to apply for a grant. Project proposals may be submitted by individuals, however, it is expected that a team will be formed to carry out the project. Student teams cannot be comprised solely of seniors or other graduating students.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria, not listed in order of priority:

- Extent of reduction in GHG the project will achieve*
- Innovation
- Feasibility

- Appropriateness of budget request
- Institutionalization and “scalability” of the project
- Alignment with principles of sustainability

* GHG reduction can be calculated by determining the annual quantity of one or more of the following being reduced: steam, chilled water, electricity, oil, natural gas, propane, or gasoline. Consult with Yale’s Energy Manager, Tom Downing 432-7204 thomas.downing@yale.edu, for conversion to metric tons of carbon equivalent (MTCE).

Review Process

Applications will be submitted to the Office of Sustainability for review. Applications which meet the required criteria will then be forwarded to a designated committee comprised of at least one student, staff, and faculty member for evaluation and final determination of funding.

Funding Parameters

Grants will be limited to \$5,000. All budgets must be fully justified. Any unused portion of the grant will be returned to the GHGR Grant at the culmination of the project.

Awardees will be required to complete and sign a contract which outlines the designated timeline, budget and items for which the reward is being granted.

At Completion

Awards will be given for the following categories:

- Most Innovative
- Greatest Number of Active Participants
- Largest Reduction Achieved

Calendar

Friday, November 30, 2007	Deadline for Proposals
Friday December 7, 2007	Funding Decisions Announced
December 2007	Projects to begin
March 2008	Update reports due
August 2008	Final reports/project results due

Applications can be found at www.yale.edu/sustainability.