



**Grant Opportunity for  
those Interested in  
Purchasing Solar Panels**

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**Presentation by the Eden  
Valley- Watkins  
Carbon Cutting Eagles**

# **Benefits of Having a Green Team at Your School:**

- Increased awareness of environmental issues
- Motivates students to live green lifestyles and form good habits
- Could save the school money by doing energy saving projects
- Reduces the community's carbon footprint

# **How to Fund for a Green Team Without Relying on a School or community fund:**

1.Grants

2.Material Donations

3.Labor Donations

4.Fundraisers/ Fundraising Events

Grants can be found on the internet and through programs like **Minnesota Schools Cutting Carbon** and **Youth Energy Summit**

Fact: We've collected **\$13,900** in just 2 years from grants alone!

# **YES! (Youth Energy Summit) Program**

- Structured program
- Gives guidance and materials to green groups
- Connects groups statewide
- Provides funding opportunities

Notice: Grants **DO NOT** cover all costs of projects!

- There are limits as to what the money can be used for
- Extra expenses arise

# **Business Donations:**

- Material Donations
- Labor Donations

## **We wanted to:**

- **Stand out** as a developing group
- Earn the **respect** from the local business community
- Try a **different approach** to asking for donations.

## What We Did:

- Only asked for donations from businesses related to our project
- Asked for mainly material donations
- Never asked for cash donations

- Ask for donations before finalizing our plans by using the line “In the event that we would get this grant, would you be willing to donate \_\_\_\_\_”

- Send an enthusiastic group member to ask for donations

- Prove it’s a donation to a worthy cause

- Highlight how the project will help the school or community

# Recognition for Donations:

- Bought a plaque to give thanks to those businesses
  - Used the phrase “Thank you for your continuing support” to encourage future donations
- Sent thank you letters

# **Labor Donations:**

- Again, ask for donations before finalizing plans
- Be flexible with business's schedules
- Sign on multiple businesses of the same trade
  - Contact and involve relatives
- Student volunteers at the high school and collegiate level

**Notice:** Grant money,  
material, and labor  
donations always go to  
specific projects!

**So what about field trips,  
small projects, and  
emergency money?**

- Have a company sponsor us- letting us sell their green products as a fundraiser and giving us some of the profit
- Free-will offering donation buckets at our public events

# **Remember: All projects are important!**

- Spread the facts about environmental issues
  - Reduce the school's/community's carbon footprint

**Always Believe In Your  
Group and it's  
Potential!**

If we can do it, any school  
can!

