

Green Grants from the HOPE Foundation

Background:

The HOPE (Hypertherm Owners' Philanthropic Endeavors) Foundation is the cornerstone to Hypertherm's focus on Community Engagement. Established in 2010, the Foundation compliments the efforts of the Hypertherm Philanthropy Team by working to partner with nonprofit organizations and engage in activities that strengthen and create sustainable, positive change in the community and environment. The HOPE Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The pillars of the HOPE Foundation are to support education and the arts, affordable housing, healthcare, and the environment. Our giving over the years reflects our commitment to these areas as well as to the communities generally in which our global Associates live and work.

Of all of the HOPE Foundation pillars, we have had the least opportunity to financially support projects in our communities that improve the environment. We are hoping to expand this support.

In 2010 Hypertherm embarked on a more formal journey to understand and reduce our environmental footprint. We have set aggressive, yet hopefully attainable, reduction goals for 2020 in the areas of waste reduction, energy efficiency improvement, and carbon impact reduction. We aspire to become leaders in environmental stewardship. It is a long-term process we are committed to and care deeply about.

Green Grants Overview:

Green Grants from the HOPE Foundation are available to support our non-profit partner organizations in an area that is likely secondary to their mission. We seek to support projects that reduce the environmental impacts of local non-profits. Green Grants will fund projects that tangibly reduce the carbon emissions and waste of our partners.

We seek to help our community partners dramatically reduce their carbon footprint by eliminating underlying factors to ever-increasing carbon emissions such as leaky buildings, poor insulation, poor quality windows and doors, poor roofing materials, low efficiency appliances and machinery, low efficiency lighting, low efficiency HVAC systems and HVAC control systems, and high emission transportation vehicles. We can also help our community partners fund ways to generate renewable, carbon-free energy.

We also seek to help our community partners reduce their water and other natural resources usage. We seek to help reduce our community partner's waste profile generally and transition it to a zero landfill one.

Application process:

Green Grants from the HOPE Foundation are available to support our non-profit partners and will follow the same process as other HOPE Foundation grant requests. Applications can be made at our website:

http://www.hypertherm.com/csr/en/apply_for_grant.jsp

- Organizations should have nonprofit tax exempt status under IRS code 501(c)3.
- Grant requests should align with our philanthropic mission and core value of respect for all people.
- Hypertherm does not support donations to individuals nor does it support organizations with a direct political or religious focus.
- Grant seekers are expected to be inclusive and non-discriminatory in their practices, policies and programs.
- Grant seekers must be able to quantify the tangible environmental benefits of their Green Grant.

If you have questions about Green Grants you may contact Jenny Levy, Director of Environmental Stewardship at Hypertherm, jenny.levy@hypertherm.com, or email grants@hypertherm.com.