The Leopold Center will support one-time events, programs, workshops, conferences or displays that are educational in nature and support the mission of the Leopold Center.

The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture was established by the Iowa Legislature as part of the Iowa Groundwater Protection Act of 1987. Its legislatively mandated mission is to identify and reduce negative environmental and socioeconomic impacts of agricultural practices, contribute to the development of profitable farming systems that conserve natural resources and cooperate with Iowa State University Extension to inform the public of new findings.

The Center’s work is organized in four Initiative areas – ecology, marketing and food systems, policy, and cross-cutting that bridges all areas – aimed at enhancing the condition and viability of Iowa’s natural resources in integrated ways.

Who may submit a request? Iowa nonprofit organizations, agencies, and educational institutions that support the mission of the Leopold Center

When is the deadline for submission of requests? The 15th of each month, preferably 2 months prior to event

Request amounts? Requests are limited to $1,000 for each event/program and must specify exactly how the funds will be used (speakers, scholarships*...). For larger requests, please contact the Initiative leader or Center director.

How to apply? Contact Carol Brown at cbrown1@iastate.edu or 515-294-5272 to receive a request form. Forms also are available at http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/grants/education

What happens after submission? Proposals received by the 15th of each month will be reviewed within five days by a committee of Leopold Center staff and one advisory board member, and you will be notified within seven working days. Proposals received after the 15th will wait until the following month for review. Please plan ahead!

Payment for funded proposals is AFTER the event and applicants MUST SUBMIT an invoice for payment and a short report (1-2 paragraphs, 150-word maximum) with the following information:

- Summary of the event,
- List or estimate of the number of attendees or participants,
- Results of event evaluation (if one was conducted) or your judgment about its success, and
- How this activity supports the mission of the Leopold Center.

What are my requirements as a fund recipient? Please submit invoice and report within 30 days of your event. We rely on state appropriations and funds designated under the Iowa Groundwater Protection Act for our operation, and public awareness of work supported by the Center is very important to its future success. Recipients of Leopold Center grant funds are expected to acknowledge the Center in advertising, news releases, printed programs, and other promotional and publicity materials. Verbal acknowledgement should be given at any event or at interviews with the news media. We also are happy to supply Leopold Center logos or Center publications for use with events and other project outreach efforts.

What else will the Leopold Center do? Post your event on the LCSA website calendar (if applicable), document your report for use in the Center’s Annual Report (how many events sponsored, how many people).

Questions about the Competitive Educational Support Request Program: Contact: Carol Brown, phone 515-294-5272, E-Mail: cbrown1@iastate.edu.

*This program does not cover food or beverages.