



**LEOPOLD CENTER  
FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

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**Competitive Educational Support Program (continuous)**

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 three Initiative areas – ecology, marketing and food systems, and policy – each aimed at enhancing the condition and viability of Iowa's natural resources in varying, yet 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, preferably two months before your event or program.

**Request amounts?** Requests are limited to \$1000 for each event or 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: Karen Jacobson at [kjacobso@iastate.edu](mailto:kjacobso@iastate.edu) or 515-294-9388 to receive a request form. Forms are also available at <http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/grants/education>.

**What happens after submission?** Proposals received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month will be reviewed within 5 days by a committee of Leopold Center staff and one advisory board member, and you will be notified within 7 working days. Proposals received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will wait until the following month for review.

**What are my requirements as a fund recipient?** You must submit a one or two paragraph (150 words max.) report with your invoice or intramural request within 30 days of your event; it should include a copy of the summary of an evaluation if it is conducted, and a list or estimate of the number of attendees. 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: Karen Jacobson, phone 515-294-9388, E-Mail: [kjacobso@iastate.edu](mailto:kjacobso@iastate.edu), Subject: LCSA 2011 CESP

\*This program does not cover food or beverages.