

# Center for Community and Economic Development



Colleagues,

Over the past few years, the Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED) has supported county, tribal and regional educators' professional development in a number of ways. We have annually offered to cover the registration costs of the Basic Economic Development Course offered in collaboration with the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA), typically held in Madison the first part of September. We have also supported the course work of those working toward International Economic Development Council certification beyond the Basic Course (again, typically covering the registration costs). Finally, we have sponsored local educators presenting and/or learning about relevant community and economic development topics at regional and national conferences (NACDEP, CDS, etc.). We've always sent out wide broadcasts for those offers. Moving forward, we have communicated with the Program Office that we would like to be an ongoing partner in helping you achieve your professional development objectives. While we are able, we will gladly entertain requests to help fund appropriate community and economic development-related professional development. CCED will rarely support the entire cost of professional events, and prefers to pay registration costs. In an effort to be more transparent and objective supporting these opportunities, I am suggesting that you follow these simple guidelines (which can be written in a third of a page) if you would like to request CCED support for professional development related to community and economic development issues.

1. *A very brief request specifying what the opportunity is and how it supports your work*
2. *In what way investing in your learning at the event will further the objectives of CCED*
3. *What financial support you are seeking from the CCED*
4. *Event details including, total cost, location, date, etcetera*
5. *How the costs not being covered by CCED are being addressed*
6. *Ways in which you might share your learning with the greater UW-Extension and CNRED community*

You may make a request at any time, but please allow sufficient time for us to review and discuss the proposal and get back to you. We will not be able to support all requests, or necessarily the full amount requested. We will, however, endeavor to support as many folks at least once as we are able.

Obviously the more germane the learning or presentation opportunity is to the initiatives currently being addressed by the Center, the more likely it is the proposal will be funded. Leveraging money contributed by others will also enhance the proposal. Finally, to the extent that you will be sharing what you learn with others in UW-Extension and CNRED, the more attractive the proposal will be.

Please email your requests to [Greg Wise](#) and [Laurie Lindquist](#).