

## **The WES Professional Practice Grant Program - The LSP Association**

The LSP Association (LSPA) established the Wesley E. Stimpson (WES) Professional Practice Grant, to commemorate the exemplary leadership, dedication and service of Wesley E. Stimpson, PE, LSP to the professional practice of hazardous waste site cleanup and to the LSP Association. The grant is to be used for the advancement of the professional practice of Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs). Grant applications are accepted and grant awards are made on a rolling basis throughout the year, subject to available funding.

The Board of the LSPA has appointed a WES Grant Review Committee to administer the WES Professional Practice Grant Program, to review applications, and to recommend selected grantees to the LSPA Board of Directors for award. The Review Committee is comprised of three LSPA members appointed by the LSPA Board of Directors and active in the current or past management and administration of the LSPA as follows: 1) one current LSPA Board member, 2) one Past President of the LSPA, and 3) one at-large member of the LSPA, with experience in LSPA committee or other leadership work. The current 2021 Review Committee is:

1. Lauren Konetzny, LSP, Cooperstown Environmental (LSPA Board member)
2. J. Andrew Irwin, PE, LSP, President of IRWIN Engineers, Inc. (LSPA Past President)
3. Roger Thibault, PE, LSP, BETA Group, Inc. (At-large member)

Individual grant amounts may vary based on level of effort required and available funding, up to a maximum grant amount of \$5,000 for each individual project.

The following criteria will apply to grant applications:

- The applicant must be a full or associate member of the LSP Association.
- The effort will produce a tangible product that is available as a resource to the membership. Examples include a white paper, newsletter article, meeting presentation, webinar.
- The product will advance the state of the practice of rendering LSP Opinions or the professionalism of LSPs participating in the MCP program, or will educate the public and participating parties as to the contributions made by practicing LSPs.
- The level of effort and the tangible product itself are beyond the typical level of effort or work product that normally come out of regular LSPA committee or board volunteer work.
- The product will be produced in a reasonable timeframe, typically six months or less. Longer projects will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The applicant will contribute in kind time, services or materials of at least a similar value to the award amount requested.
- All applicants are expected to include specific measurable project goals and timelines in their proposals. Grant awards are subject to a Memorandum of Understanding between the LSPA and the Grantee that documents the grant use, goals and conditions.

Grants may be awarded to an individual or a project team. For team projects, the grant application must contain a statement of support from each team member, proponent or subcontractor.

To apply for a WES Professional Practice Grant, please submit electronically via email an application letter of no more than five pages in length that includes the following information:

- Applicant name, LSPA membership and participation information.
- Name of project.
- Overall project budget.
- Grant amount sought and demonstration of in kind matching funds/effort.
- Description of the problem or issue to be addressed.
- Complete set of clear, measurable and timely project goals.
- Description of how your project will advance the state of the practice of rendering LSP Opinions, advance the professionalism of LSPs participating in the MCP program, or educate the public and participating parties as to the environmental contributions made by practicing LSPs. Indicate who will benefit from your project and why your project is important to the LSP practice.
- Unique strengths or interests that you or your project team bring to the project.
- A complete anticipated project schedule, including lead time to start, project duration, and interim and final project milestones.
- A plan and schedule for providing regular, periodic status updates to the LSPA Board of Directors and Review Committee throughout the project.
- Description of how will you assess the success or effectiveness of your project.
- Description of the tangible product that will be made available as a resource to the membership. (Examples include a white paper, newsletter article, meeting presentation, webinar.)

Please submit your grant application by clicking [here](#) or by emailing LSPA Executive Director Wendy Rundle at [lspa.wendy@gmail.com](mailto:lspa.wendy@gmail.com).

Please contact Wendy Rundle, Executive Director, at [lspa.wendy@gmail.com](mailto:lspa.wendy@gmail.com) or 617-484-4027 with any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you.