



LIVING ROADWAY TRUST FUND FUNDING GUIDELINES

Projects eligible for consideration include, in order of priority:

IOWA ROADSIDE INVENTORIES

To most effectively implement IRVM, roadside departments need baseline information about roadside conditions, including herbaceous cover, woody cover, bare areas, erosion, encroachment and other roadside characteristics. An inventory may be conducted to collect this basic data.

Inventory funding may be provided for expenses associated with data collection, data input and personnel to a maximum of \$4,500. All applications for roadside inventories must include a letter of support from the County Engineer confirming the county's desire to collect and use the inventory data for IRVM purposes. Reimbursement will be available after complete GIS data has been submitted to the LRTF. To submit data, contact the [LRTF Coordinator](#).

Use of GPS and GIS technology is mandatory. A customized Roadside Inventory Database, to be run with ArcPad on a GPS unit, is available at no cost from the LRTF and is required for all LRTF-funded inventories. Counties may apply for up to 80% of the cost of:

GPS equipment (and training)*	Maximum award: \$4,500
GIS software (and training)**	Maximum award: \$2,000
Laptop computer	Maximum award: \$1,200

* Recommended GPS unit: Trimble Juno models, or similar

** Software must be compatible with the roadside inventory database. Currently compatible software: ArcPad and ArcGIS. *Note:* GPS Correct (mobile unit software) and GPS Analyst (desktop companion to GPS Correct) are optional for mobile devices capable of collecting sub-foot accuracy (e.g., Trimble GeoXH). The LRTF will not fund optional software.

Funding for conversion of older, paper inventories to GIS will be provided to a maximum of \$2,000.

Funding for roadside remnant vegetation surveys is described on page 3 of the Funding Guidelines.

IOWA GATEWAY AND ROADSIDE PLANTINGS

Gateway and roadside plantings must be located on – or originate in – city, county, state or federal rights-of-way or public land immediately adjacent to the rights-of-way.

Seeded plantings are preferred. Funding for live plant plugs will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The use of seed and plant materials from their native range within the state is preferred. Use the LRTF's [Native Plant Database](#) to identify these species. Plant materials must meet the following guidelines:

Native seed: Yellow-tag/source-identified seed, other local ecotype seed, and seed native to – and grown in – Iowa will be given preference. Non-native, annual grasses – used specifically as cover crops – may be funded. Applicants are eligible for up to \$1,000/acre of seed costs.

Native plant plugs: Only plants native to Iowa will be funded. Applicants are eligible for up to \$1,500 per project.

Woody plants: Woody plant materials may include cultivars of native species. *Note:* 2.5" caliper maximum.

Labor (seedbed preparation, planting and first- and second-year management) will be considered for funding.

Gateway and roadside planting note: Project signs acknowledging the Living Roadway Trust Fund are available upon request from the LRTF Coordinator.

RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND EDUCATION

Applicants for research, demonstration and education project must be Iowa residents or must be working with an educational institution in Iowa. All projects must be conducted within the state.

Research projects must address issues related to IRVM and/or the use of native plants. Requests for research proposals are occasionally announced online. Investigator-instigated research is also considered for funding. Projects are funded through university/college sponsors. Funds cannot be used for tuition, but can be used for stipends. Indirect costs will be funded to a maximum of 8%.

Research is funded on a year-by-year basis. Applications for multi-year projects must be submitted yearly and must include a summary of accomplishments and findings to date. *Note:* No funding will be given to applicants who have not turned in final reports for previously funded research.

Demonstration projects must be designed to show aspects of IRVM and/or the use of native plants.

Education projects should inform the participants and/or general public about IRVM and/or the use of native plants. Funding may be provided for seminars, conferences, classroom instruction or other related meetings. Funding may also be provided for costs associated with producing educational signage, displays, newsletters, books and brochures, and may include the purchase of computer software. Educational material funded by the LRTF must be submitted for review before printing/production.

EQUIPMENT

Funding may be provided for equipment needed to establish, manage or harvest native roadsides and native roadside plantings in Iowa. Trucks and tractors will not be funded. Preference will be given to county applicants with a designated roadside manager, but any county may apply.

A 20% match is requested; maximum awards are stated below. Multiple applications for the same piece of equipment will be prioritized by the size of the match. Applications which include a hard match will receive priority. Provide match details on page 2 of the application.

The following equipment, listed by priority, may be funded:

No-till drill – Maximum award: \$10,000 for first drill in each county; \$5,000 maximum for second or replacement drill.

Hydroseeder – Maximum award: \$24,000 for first seeder. Hydroseeders must have mechanical agitation.

Burn equipment – Counties may apply for up to 100% of personal protective fire gear and burn equipment costs. Personal protective gear should be purchased the Iowa DNR using [this form](#).

Silt fencer – Maximum award: \$5,000.

Cultipacker – Maximum award: \$3,500.

Mulcher/Blower – Maximum award: \$7,500.

Seed storage – Maximum award: \$3,000 for construction or retro-fit of a seed storage room with temperature and humidity controls.

UTV – Maximum award: \$8,000. UTVs must have seat belts and factory-installed roll bars.

Chipper – Maximum award: \$10,000.

Equipment storage – Maximum award: \$10,000 for IRVM shed. This is in addition to the seed storage room. Applicants for equipment storage funding must have adequate seed storage, or show it in plans for the new storage shed.

Other equipment

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Roadside Remnant Vegetation Survey – Due to increased interest in locating remnant vegetation in, adjacent to or visible from roadsides, the LRTF will consider awarding funds for mapping locations of native vegetation remnants. GPS technology, including use of the Roadside Inventory Database, is mandatory. Reimbursement will be available after complete GIS data has been submitted to the LRTF. Maximum award: \$2,000 per 1200 linear miles of roadside surveyed (approximately one county).

Digital camera – Iowa counties may apply for a digital camera. GPS-enabled digital cameras are preferred.

Registration and expenses for seminars, conferences and training sessions related to IRVM

Questions?

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