The Environmental Leadership Center has provided grants to support the implementation of campus sustainability projects since 2002. The WWC Sustainability Fund is a scaled-up continuation of this effort. The goal of the WWC Sustainability Fund is to engage and support students, staff and faculty in the implementation of innovative campus projects that reflect the College’s Sustainability Principals:

“We acknowledge that a complex web of economic, social, cultural, spiritual and environmental factors determine the well-being of our community. We recognize our power as individuals, and in community, to influence these complex, interdependent relationships. We strive to make responsible decisions that take into account the multiple dimensions of sustainability in order to ensure quality of life now and for generations to come.”

**Criteria**

Funded projects will:
- identify a practical solution to an environmental or social justice problem;
- implement the solution on WWC campus;
- include a plan for ongoing maintenance and funding, where appropriate;
- include a detailed project budget;
- engage a college staff or faculty mentor* if a student submitted proposal;
- be accomplished with student labor and engage student learning;
- conclude with a report that measures and documents the project’s environmental, social and/or economic benefits, as well as lessons learned (format to be provided to fund recipients).

**Rules**

- Applications are received on a rolling basis beginning May 1, 2014 and through October 1, 2014.
- Projects with land use implications must have prior approval from appropriate entity.
- Projects with work crew implications must have prior approval from work crew supervisor.
- Projects with Student Life or other Department implications must have prior approval from appropriate representative.
- Funds may be used to
  - purchase materials,
  - support student work crew positions during breaks that are focused on project implementation,
  - provide on or off-campus training required for successful project implementation.
- **Note:** Students for whom funds will support break work contracts are subject to Work Program Office rules and expectations, and will be paid at the same rate as all other on-campus workers.
- Individual project proposals may not exceed $7,500.
- Projects must be completed by December 31, 2014.

**Process**

Students, Staff or Faculty must apply using the following Application Form. Email as an attachment the completed Application Form, Narrative and Budget in a single PDF document to Stan Cross scross@warren-wilson.edu. Please email Stan if you have any questions or need assistance. Applications will be reviewed as they are received by a committee with staff, faculty and student representation. Award decisions will be based on the degree to which the proposed project meets grant criteria and the quality of the application. Once total grant funds are expended, no further applications will be considered for this grant cycle.

*Mentor role will vary by project. At minimum, Mentor agrees to provide guidance to project development and implementation. Mentors may also work with students to generate ideas, develop proposal and implement the project, so long as students are directly engaged throughout all phases.*
Project Title:

Amount Requested:

Student, Staff or Faculty Name(s):

Affiliated Crew or Department:

Staff/Faculty Mentor (if student application):

Project Timeline

   Expected Start Date:

   Expected Completion Date:

On a separate sheet, please provide the following:

**Narrative**

- Abstract—Limit to 100 words
- Proposal—Limit to 1,000 words. You may include graphics, pictures, and/or a works cited page in addition.

Address the following questions:

1. How will your proposed project advance sustainability at WWC?

2. Has your proposal been tried before on this campus or elsewhere? If so, provide examples of best practices and explain how your proposal advances the state of the art.

3. What are your expected measurable outcomes and/or project deliverables?

4. Will your proposal require ongoing maintenance and/or financial support? If so, how will that maintenance and/or financial support be provided?

**Budget**

- Please include an itemized project budget. Your budget must reflect actual costs for all labor, training and materials. Please include vendor quotes where appropriate. Maximum grant amount is $7,500. If project cost exceeds that amount, please provide evidence of matching funds and/or in-kind support.