

571—33.19(455A) Conservation education program policy.

33.19(1) *Grants and agreements.* The conservation education program shall constitute a long-term integrated effort to support conservation education through formal and nonformal education projects and programs by means of competitively awarded grants and cooperative agreements.

33.19(2) *Definitions.* The following definitions shall apply to this division:

“Conservation education programs” means programs developed for formal (K-12 students), nonformal (preschool, adult and continuing education) and higher education (postsecondary and adult) programs, within the subject areas of natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

“Dissemination grant” means funds deployed for the purposes of executing projects previously funded by REAP conservation education program funds that were successful in execution and have transferability to other educators and conservation programs.

“Dissemination plan” means the required documentation for projects greater than \$10,000 funded by the REAP conservation education program funds. A dissemination plan contains specific details of the project, including expected outcomes essential for the uptake and use by educators and conservation programs.

“Educator” means any person who teaches environmental/conservation education. This may apply to certified teachers, governmental or private naturalists, education specialists, or others so determined by the department.

“Environmental/conservation education materials” means materials that are developed or produced that provide knowledge, skills, processes and strategies that enhance Iowa citizens’ understanding of natural resources conservation and environmental issues.

“Stipends for Iowa educators who participate in innovative conservation education programs” may include tuition costs; acceptable food and lodging costs; substitute teacher costs; mileage expenses or separate allowances when applicable for educators to attend approved environmental/conservation education workshops, in-service programs and conferences; and other costs as approved by the department.

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