



## **The CELA Global Investiture Fund**

The CELA leadership is unveiling a brand-new program in our efforts to develop policies and practices for a lasting positive global impact. Through The CELA Global Investiture Fund, The CELA will identify and develop practices which positively impact global conditions and align with The CELA organization vision and mission. The program is funded with \$25 from each full conference registration. The available funding for 2023-24 is \$7,300.

**Global Investiture Initiatives:** The CELA initiatives are ways that The CELA can make a positive global impact through our actions, policies, and procedures. These include, but are not limited to such ideas as: selecting venues which are socially and environmentally responsible; reducing the use of paper by utilizing a conference app; offsetting the price of a conference meal in order to use locally sourced food; using compostable and reusable materials at the conference when applicable; requesting from facilities that host CELA events to utilize renewable energy; recycling and composting initiatives during the conference; and offering smart transportation options to conference attendees during the conference. These initiatives will evolve over time as The CELA organization grows and global issues arise.

**Faculty and Student Grants:** The Global Investiture Fund will also support The CELA faculty and students through grants to help pay for conference attendance. Grant proposals should actively address ways that The CELA can build the Global Investiture Initiatives as an organization such as, but not limited to: developing methods for CELA to actively conserve resources; educating The CELA and/or landscape architecture community on global issues through webinars, films, and white papers which can be posted on The CELA website and/or the CELA YouTube channel; developing socially and environmental actions for CELA member programs, individuals, and students; and providing useful research/data to inform future positive global initiatives. Particular consideration will be given for those who can apply their proposal specifically toward CELA organization actions, policies, and procedures.

**Grant Eligibility:** Grant submissions are available to all current CELA members in good standing. Grants are awarded based on merit, positive impact, implementation feasibility, and available funding.

**Grant Award:** Grants will pay for registration to attend the CELA annual conference the year of the proposal. Additional funding requests will be considered, pending project and available funding.

**Oversight:** Grant submissions will be collected via a submission form. They will be forwarded to the Past President who is chair of the Standing Committee on Conferences and Events. The committee will recommend funding initiatives and grant awardees. Final decision will be made by the Past President.