

2022 NCR-SARE Professional Development Program Projects Recommended for Funding

| Project Number | Title | PI Name | Primary Grantee | State | \$\$ Amt | Cumulative | Brief Description |
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| ENC22-209 | Educational Methods for Farmer Self-Organizing | Lori Stern | Marbleseed | WI | \$ 88,978 | \$ 88,978 | The role of agricultural educator increasingly demands an understanding of the policy and systems that impact the viability of human scale, organic farms. We will train educators and farmer leaders in pedagogical methods rooted in popular education for self-organizing and providing relevant content |
| ENC22-210 | Cultivating Farm Law Leaders | Rachel Armstrong | Farm Commons | MN | \$ 72,072 | \$ 161,050 | This project trains and supports Farm Law Leaders who will deliver farm law workshops in the on legal issues of importance to sustainable and direct to consumer farmers in the grant term and beyond. As a result, 240 farmers will be better able to manage legal risks in the grant term, alone. |
| ENC22-211 | More than a Woodlot - Developing Natural Resource Professionals' capacity to support forest farming in Missouri | Sougata Bardhan | Lincoln University | MO | \$ 56,248 | \$ 217,298 | This project addresses the gap between the limited forest farming knowledge of many natural resource professionals and the growing interest farmers have for woodland conservation and forest farming production by hosting a series of workshops on forest farm planning, management, and conservation. |
| ENC22-212 | Soil Matters in Illinois | Travis Burke | University of Illinois Extension | IL | \$ 80,463 | \$ 297,761 | Illinois Extension will train its educators in the principles of regenerative agriculture, including greenhouse gases, carbon sequestration, the soil microbiome, soil nutrients and fertilizers, and water management. Course modules will be developed and available through Learn @ Illinois Extension. |
| ENC22-213 | Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds | Craig Ficenec | Sand County Foundation | WI | \$ 89,607 | \$ 387,368 | Sand County Foundation will expand the Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds meeting series by delivering three new annual events and two virtual events to build capacity of leaders of water quality improvement efforts in agricultural watersheds Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. |
| ENC22-214 | Bridging the gap: Building skills in diversified forage chains | Jill Hapner | GrassWorks, Inc. | WI | \$ 89,974 | \$ 477,342 | This project engages crop consultants, technical service providers, and agency staff in building skills in forage chains: managed grazing of cover crops, annual forages, and perennial pastures to meet livestock needs, improve soil health and return profits for grain and livestock farmers. |

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| ENC22-215 | Expanding the OATS Training Pipeline for Organic Ag. Professionals with Locally-Focused On-Farm Events | Mallory Krieger | Organic Trade Association | DC | \$ 89,914 | \$ 567,256 | This project will provide organic field crop production training to advisors serving organic and transitioning farmers through on-farm training events and monthly Q&A calls with experts. Topics will include locally adapted entry-level and advanced content selected by the OATS regional committees. |
| ENC22-216 | Strengthening High Tunnel Training and Support for the Next Generation of Technical Service Providers and Producers | Kristine Lang | South Dakota State University | SD | \$ 89,805 | \$ 657,061 | North Dakota State University and South Dakota State University will collaborate to train Northern Great Plains stakeholders in current high tunnel construction and management techniques that address the unique climate challenges and market opportunities within the Dakotas. |
| ENC22-217 | Continuous Living Cover 101 - Building a Foundation for Early Career Conservation Professionals | Erin Meier | University of Minnesota / Green Lands Blue Waters | MN | \$ 89,982 | \$ 747,043 | Develop and promote free, self-paced, online introductory Continuous Living Cover (CLC) video training modules and companion resources toolkit that meet current professional development needs for new conservation and technical advisors at state and local agencies and organizations. |
| ENC22-218 | In Service to Beginning Farmer/Rancher Land Access: An Expanded and Independent Community of Practice for Managers of Land Access Policy Incentives | Julia Valliant | Indiana University | IN | \$ 89,958 | \$ 837,001 | Reinforcing a young Community of Practice made up of civil servants who manage public Land Access Policy Incentive programs will build members' knowledge of others' programs and lead to actions that improve their own states' policies and their service to farmers, ranchers, and landowners. |
| ENC22-219 | Agricultural Systems Education for Grassroots Sustainable Agriculture Educators | Sally Worley | Practical Farmers of Iowa | IA | \$ 89,794 | \$ 926,795 | This project proposes the development of a field course to educate staff on systems-level drivers affecting sustainable agriculture, along with training on grassroots organizing and scenario planning. Staff will work with farmer-leaders to educate broader farming audiences on what they learn. |