

2024 NCR-SARE PDP Projects Recommended for Funding

Project #	Title	PI First Name	PI Last Name	Primary Grantee	State	Amount Requested	Cumulative Amount	Brief Description
ENC24-233	Building capacity among Indiana conservation partners to leverage newly developed tools to assist small-scale soil health practitioners.	Kevin	Allison	Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District	IN	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	The Marion County SWCD will train and develop support for Indiana conservation professional to use newly developed tools to assist small-scale growers and conservation plan. Outcomes include capacity among partners, tool adoption among farmers, online educational material, and enhanced tools.
ENC24-234	Growing Farm Sustainability in ND through Collaborative Professional Development for Small Business Advisors	Stephanie	Blumhagen	FARRMS	ND	\$ 108,774	\$ 228,774	Improving Farm Financial Management and Business Building Skills Through Farmer-Assisted Education of Technical Assistance Providers to Increase Viability of ND Local Food Businesses
ENC24-235	Empowering Agricultural Professionals in the Midwest to Support Beneficial Birds and Discourage Pest Birds	Shelly	Connor	Wild Farm Alliance	MN	\$ 110,767	\$ 339,541	We will empower 1,450 agricultural professionals and farmers with education and tools on how to implement practices to support beneficial birds with a comprehensive education program that includes a publication, videos, field days and a 10-webinar training course.
ENC24-236	Integrating Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture into K-12 Education through Professional Development	Laura	Downey	Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE)	KS	\$ 116,902	\$ 456,443	A pathway to integrate sustainable and regenerative agriculture into Kansas K-12 education through professional development resulting in a microcredential.

ENC24-237	Trainer education and capacity-building to support emerging farmers' adoption of soil health practices	Adria	Fernandez	University of Minnesota	MN	\$ 119,760	\$ 576,203	Extending soil health knowledge to emerging farmers through training, consulting, and network building for organization staff and technical assistance providers; program development with collaborating incubator farms; and tools for planning, decision making, and peer-to-peer information sharing
ENC24-238	Protecting the Great Lakes Through a Farm Navigator Network	Erica	Goodman	American Farmland Trust	OH	\$ 119,462	\$ 695,665	The two-year project Protecting the Great Lakes Through a Farm Navigator Network will deliver a train-the-trainer program and connect service providers in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio to support farmland transfer and access while advancing adoption of conservation practices, protecting ecological health
ENC24-239	Honoring Our Elders	Alpa	Goswami	Marbleseed	WI	\$ 118,629	\$ 814,294	Honoring Our Elders offers mental health support through training, cultural programs focused on growing ancestral foods tied to lost lands, and a Farmer Ally Network. We aim to foster resilience and well-being among diverse farmer elders and caregivers.
ENC24-240	Advancing conservation professional's skills at the agriculture and conservation interface	Adam	Janke	Iowa State University	IA	\$ 120,000	\$ 934,294	The Land Stewardship Leadership Academy will teach 80-100 conservation professionals in Iowa and Indiana about farming and farmers and improve their leadership of conservation adoption.

ENC24-241	Farms to Institutions Conference	Philip	Kauth	REAP Food Group	WI	\$ 119,102	\$ 1,053,396	REAP Food Group, Wello, and FairShare CSA will host two statewide Farm-to-Institution conferences, and build a statewide community of practice, aiming to foster growth in supplying locally-grown food to schools, universities and hospital food service programs.
ENC24-242	Delivering Professional Development & Networking Opportunities for Urban Agriculture Professionals in the North Central Region	Cary	Rivard	Kansas State University	KS	\$ 119,962	\$ 1,173,358	The goal of this project is to provide educators (extension, not-for-profits, K-12 and community college) with opportunities to establish themselves as leaders in urban food systems.
ENC24-243	Cultivating Connections Between Resilient Agricultural Land and Healthy Natural Resources	Amy	Schmidt	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	NE	\$ 118,300	\$ 1,291,658	This project will expand existing tools and deliver in-person trainings to equip educators to confidently engage farmers and their advisors in making land management decisions that address natural resource protection goals and climate risks through best practices for agricultural land resilience.