



Partnership Grant Webinar

September 2024



Welcome to this webinar about 2025 NCR-SARE Partnership grant and how to apply for it.

I'm Betsy Wieland, Associate Director at NCR-SARE. I am taking over managing this program and the graduate student program.

Agenda items:

Overview of SARE and NCR-SARE

Details of Partnership grant

Tips on putting together an application

Walk through applying on our website – don't need to stay for that, if you don't want to

PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Fast Facts

Purpose

Foster cooperation between ag professionals, farmers and ranchers for on-farm research, demonstrations and education

Funding

Up to \$50,000

Who's eligible

Agricultural professionals and 3 or more farmers/ranchers in the "North Central Region"



Let's make sure you're in the right place:

About SARE and Our Grants



I'll give you some background and context to understand SARE's mission and goals, so you can make sure your project aligns with them. This can help increase your chances for receiving funds.

What is SARE?

Grants and outreach to advance sustainable innovations to the whole of American agriculture.



SARE is part of USDA and is funded through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture or NIFA program.

SARE's purpose is to provide grants and outreach to advance sustainable innovations to the whole of American agriculture.

The North Central Region of SARE consists of those sharing the geography of these 12 states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

A Different Kind of Grant Program

Started in 1988, SARE strives to be

- Decentralized
- Science-based
- Grassroots
- Problem solving
- Practical
- Inclusive



The SARE Model

Successful SARE projects are guided by the 3 legs of sustainability



Photo credit Scarlet Salamone, SARE Project FNC22-1350

We look for projects that will help advance agriculture in these areas.

Stakeholder Involvement

Exploring problems identified by farmers and ranchers

Farmers and ranchers are involved in research, education and outreach



Photo by Sean McGovern



SARE is Farmer/Rancher driven. As in all successful SARE projects, farmers and ranchers should be considered major stakeholders in the project's design and implementation.

The SARE portfolio

- Sustainable pest and weed management
- Marketing and local food systems
- Water quality and nutrient management
- Systems research
- High tunnels and season extension
- Crop diversification
- Cover crops and soil health
- Small ruminants/poultry/cattle
- Pastured livestock/grazing systems
- Pollinators and biodiversity
- Urban Agriculture
- Food Sovereignty
- ... and much more



Here is a sampling of the aspects of agriculture that SARE works with.

I'm happy to talk to you if you are unsure if your project idea fits in the portfolio.

NCR- SARE Grant Programs

Programs	Funding Max
Youth Education	\$6,000
Farmer Rancher	\$15,000 or \$30,000
Graduate Student	\$20,000
Partnership	\$50,000
Professional Development	\$120,000
Research and Education	\$250,000



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About the NCR-SARE Partnership Grant Program





NCR-SARE Partnership Grant Program is intended to...

foster cooperation between ag professionals and small groups of farmers and ranchers

to

catalyze on-farm research, demonstration and education activities

related to sustainable agriculture.



PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Details

- Due **Thursday October 17th**
by 4:00 PM CT
- Online application
- Up to \$50,000
- Up to 2 years
- Team of 3 or more farmers and ranchers
 - Majority of the work in the 12 states
- Led by an ag professional
- In 2024, 21 out of 44 proposals were funded



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SARE
Sustainable Agriculture
Research & Education

Ag professional examples

- Extension educator/agent/specialist
- Other university/college educators or researchers
- Non-profit organization staff
- Government agency staff
- Certified crop advisors
- Other ag and natural resource consultants
- Farmer/Rancher leaders



We define an ag professional fairly broadly—it could be an extension educator, or an educator from a university or college, or a nonprofit or federal agency or state agency, or a crop advisor directly working with farmers.

Impact on agriculture in North Central Region

What do you want to happen because of your project?

Will it help farmers and ranchers, their associated businesses, and their communities with...

- Improving economic viability?
- Sustaining and improving environmental quality?
- Enhancing quality of life as a whole?



Another common question is clarifying what we mean by outcomes and impacts.

As a public institution, we must be mindful of documenting the impact of our funds.

A critical aspect of the proposal is to indicate how your project outcomes align with NCR-SARE broad-based outcomes the 3 legs of sustainability.

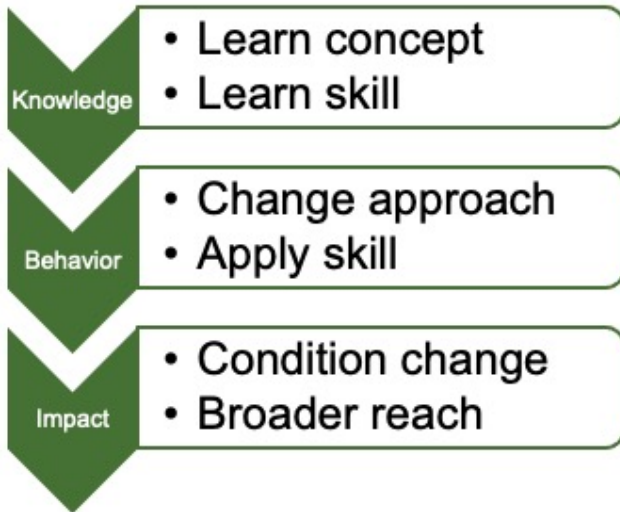
- Improving the economic viability of farmers and associated agricultural businesses.
- Sustaining and improving the environmental quality and natural resource base on which agriculture depends.
- Enhancing the quality of life for farmers/ranchers, communities, and society as a whole.

What long term impact are you trying to achieve with your project?

Even if your project focuses on one of these outcomes, you should indicate how the outcomes might impact all three.

These are long term condition change impacts. They take time.

OUTCOMES AND IMPACT



To define your project outcomes—think about what you want to happen as a result of you completing this project. Learning outcomes can happen fairly quickly, and are things like changes in awareness, skills, knowledge or attitude; action outcomes are changes in behavior, practice or decision-making, and those are the outcomes that might achieve at the end of your project.

Think about how you might know you achieved

- Knowledge gains
- Behavior change
- Condition change/Impact

OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

Example



Here's one example. Perhaps you are an Extension Educator and there are a group of growers that are interested in learning strategies and techniques for selling to institutions, a they have seen other models out east. You might put together a project to bring out a speaker or curriculum, and get the group together on someone's operation to learn from the speaker, or do site visits for each operation.

- Notice that these are measurable things. As you develop your plan think of how you will measure your results. How will you know if you achieved your goals.

Impact/outcome examples?

Do you have examples?

Knowledge gains

Behavior change

Impact long term

How would you measure them?



WHAT DO SARE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS FUND?

Helps ag professionals, farmers and ranchers explore innovative solutions to problems through on-farm...

- Research,
- Demonstration, or
- Education projects.



The grants help reduce the risk of trying out new ideas

You are invited to submit proposals

- that test, evaluate, and adapt sustainable agriculture practices for their operations;
- to conduct learning circles, educational events, field days or demonstrations to further disseminate information to other farmers and ranchers;
- Develop curriculum, factsheets, case studies, videos, etc
- develop new technologies; or create or modify equipment.

WHAT DOES “INNOVATIVE” MEAN?

A completely new idea...

OR

...an idea that's been proven in
other places or settings but is
innovative for your community



Prepare to Apply



So you've got an idea you think would make a good proposal. Now what?
Let's get you ready to apply.

Two main resources to help you

NCR-SARE Website

Northcentral.sare.org

- Call For Proposals
- Help from a person

National SARE Project Database

Projects.sare.org

- Research previously funded work
- Submit your application
- Manage your grant



I will talk about each of these resources as we go.

STEP #1: DECIDE: Is your idea a good fit?

- Read the Call For Proposals BEFORE you start your online application.
- Look at what's been funded recently that relate to your idea.
- Note how your ideas is similar or different. How do they complement each other?



First let's talk about your project idea. NCR-SARE staff and state coordinators would love to talk with you about your ideas, to see what would work best, and how we may assist you.

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Attachments

- Resume or CV of 1 ag professional
- Letters of participation for 3 or more distinct farming operations
- Animal welfare statement may be required if project is funded
- Institution application signoff sheet



To be eligible, your proposal will need the following items.

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Budget Item Examples

CAN pay for project expenses

- Partial salary
- Farmer time
- Supplies
- Equipment (Max \$5000)
- Travel
- Meeting expenses
 - Food allowed if part of meeting continuity
- 10% indirect costs

CANNOT pay for

- Permanent structures
- Branded attire, promotional items
- Tuition

SEE CALL FOR PROPOSAL FOR MORE



These are examples, see the call for a full list.

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Reporting

Plan to gather this data

- # of participating farmers/ranchers
- # activities, presentations, etc
- Research results
- # articles published, academic and popular
- # resulting citations
- # farmers/ranchers with behavior change
- New collaborations
- Additional grants leveraged by project
- Long term impacts on 3 legs of sustainability

See Grantee Reporting Expectations Matrix in Call for Proposals



Part of the obligation of receiving funds is to report your activities and outcomes of the project.

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Sharing results

Reports

- Annually, unless shorter than an 18-month project
- Final (60 days after project completion)
- Submit in projects.sare.org

SARE visit and/or storytelling



WHO DECIDES WHICH PROPOSALS GET FUNDED?

A peer review panel...

...using scoring criteria found in the Call for Proposals.

Pro Tip: Try scoring your own application (or ask someone else to), and improve it based on that assessment.



See the Call for Proposals to see the scoring criteria that the Peer Review Panel uses to evaluate all proposals.

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Timeline

Date	Item
Oct. 17, 2024	Proposals due online by 4:00
Early Feb. 2025	Applicants notified
April 1, 2025	Funds available to applicants
March 1, 2026	2025 Annual report due
Project end date	Final report due 60 days later



STEP #2: CALL A FRIEND

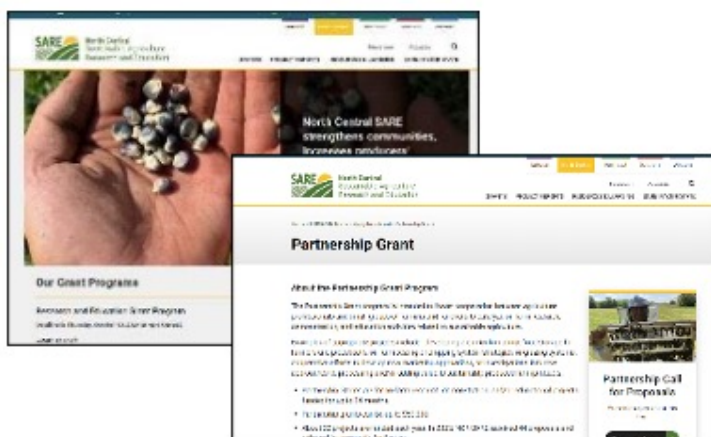
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 - grants@michaelfields.org
- Extension Educators, NRCS or SWCD staff, etc.



NCR-SARE website

<https://northcentral.sare.org/>

- Learn about each of our programs
- Download calls for proposals
- Find state coordinators
- Find help



- Again, in applying for NCR-SARE grants, there are 2 websites you will work with: NCR-SARE's website, and National SARE's Project Website, projects.sare.org.
- NCR-SARE's main website has many resources including the calls for proposals, slide sets like this, and news articles about current and recent projects.
- If you have any problems downloading the call for proposals, please contact the NCR-SARE office and we can email you a copy or send a print copy.

State Coordinators can help

Home » State Programs

State Programs

SARE state coordinators in every state and island protectorate are charged with training agriculture professionals in sustainable practices and sharing SARE project results with them.

State coordinator responsibilities include professional development—promotion, networking and coordination, especially of SARE-related activities—and communication and evaluation. Activities generally include the following:

- Coordinating annual sustainable agriculture training and educational program opportunities for all new appropriate field office personnel.
- Coordinating updated sustainable agriculture training and education opportunities for current staff.
- Promoting the availability of SARE funding opportunities, program activities and opportunities.
- Raising awareness of SARE Outreach educational materials and services, as well as



Find your State Coordinator

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[State Coordinators](#)

Contact your SARE
state coordinator



An important resource for you is your state NCR SARE coordinator. If you click on the link indicated in this slide, you will pull up the contact information for your state coordinator. They can discuss your idea with you, offer suggestions, and may be able to link you to collaborators. They can be especially helpful in connecting you to farmers who might be interested in your work and willing to collaborate.

STEP #3: DEVELOP YOUR SARE GRANT PROPOSAL

- **Project Proposal**

Describe your project: Who, What, When, Where, etc.

- **Budget**

What do you need to carry out the project: People's time? Supplies? Travel funds?

- **Attachments**

Provide supporting documents



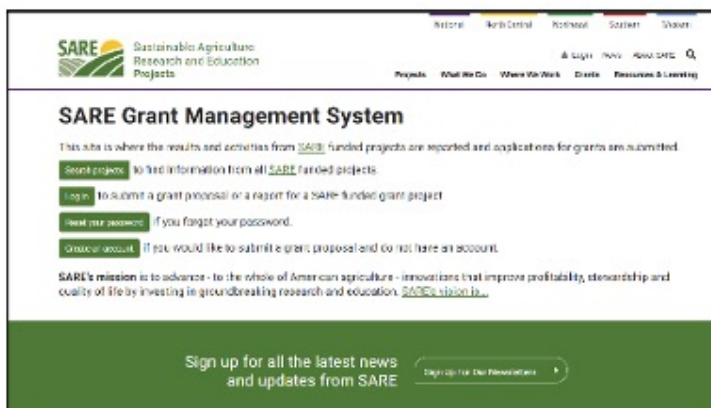
So you and your colleagues are thinking it's a good idea to apply. Let's get your information pulled together.

We recommend that you use a word processing app like Word or Google Docs to draft your sections so you can copy and paste them into the online system.

National SARE Projects Website

<https://projects.sare.org/>

- Search for SARE funded projects
- Apply for grants
- Manage grants




As I said, it's going to help you to research projects previously funded by SARE related to your project.

This is where all SARE funded projects are managed. Applications are submitted here. It also houses reports and materials created for those projects.

Search projects

SARE funded sustainable agriculture research and education projects

[search tips](#) 

Sort by ☒ Year ☐ Title ☐ Project Number

Project Number

Project Title

Project Reports search the content of all project reports

Region

State

Project Type

Look up past SARE projects to see how your work differs or builds on them.

Type in key words under 'Project Reports.'

Choose the region, state, or grant type of interest.



- You should look at past grant projects to see how your work builds on past projects and use that information in your preproposal.
- You do not need to create an account to search projects.

[Search projects](#)

SARE Grant Management System

Project Reports: cover crops

Region: North Central

Project type: On Farm Research/Partnership

From: 2017

52 projects found

[Export](#)

Projects per page: 10 25 50 All

1 2 ... 5 6 [Next >](#)

[ONC22-098 - Exploration of Fiber Hemp Production and Quality](#)

Exploration of Fiber Hemp Production and Quality will study fiber hemp production practices and how variety, nitrogen rates, and seeding rate affect fiber hemp dry matter production and fiber quality. Fiber research and business partnerships will be established to continue growing this industry.

[ONC22-104 - Using perennial groundcovers for improved soil and nutrient retention in corn/soy production](#)

This project will determine whether planting corn-soy rotations into Kentucky Bluegrass or Kura Clover perennial groundcovers, also known as perennial cover crops, is an economically viable strategy to limit soil and nutrient loss through on-farm demonstration trials.

[ONC22-101 - Use of a Cover Crop to Reduce Soil Crusting and Improve Soybean Emergence](#)

Heavy rainfall after planting can cause a hard, compact, and brittle surface soil. Farmers face seedling death and loss of productivity due to this soil crust. Our goal is to promote the successful adoption of a cover crop prior to soybean planting to reduce the effect of soil crusting.

[ONC21-082 - Midwestern Hemp Database: Utilizing Grower-Cooperator Networks to Assess Variety Performance of Industrial Hemp Across the North Central Region](#)

Applied research and outreach across the North Central region assessing production practices, variety performance, and laboratory analysis methods of industrial hemp through university research trials and on-farm data collection via grower-cooperator networks and private laboratory partnerships.

[ONC21-092 - Harvesting Our Potential: Growing Skills, Confidence and Sustainability](#)

Women farmers and landowners will network and learn skills necessary for increased confidence in their ability to be economically self-sufficient through sustainable agriculture careers, while also building connections with other women at all stages of their own careers.



This is what the search results look like.

SECTIONS OF YOUR SARE GRANT PROPOSAL

- **Project Proposal**

Describe your project: Who, What, When, Where, etc.

- **Budget**

What do you need to carry out the project: People's time? Supplies? Travel funds?

- **Attachments**

Provide supporting documents



PROJECT PROPOSAL

1) Summary

Provide a summary of your project (200 words)

2) Project objectives

What you plan to accomplish during the project as it relates to research, demonstration, or education activities. (100 words)

3) Relevance to Sustainability and Regional Agricultural Concerns

What problem are you trying to solve? (200 words)

4) Proposed Activities including Outreach Plan

Provide a detailed plan for the activities you will undertake in the project. (500 words)



PROJECT PROPOSAL

5) Roles of Agricultural Professional(s), Farmer or Ranchers

Indicate the name, organization and role of each participant in the project. (350 words)

6) Previous Research on this Topic

Explain how you are building on past work or research and what makes your project innovative (250 words)

7) Outcomes and Impact

Identify the outcomes and impacts you expect the project to achieve. (200 words)



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You will lay out the budget to support your project.

BUDGET AND “JUSTIFICATION”

What items do you need to carry out the project? Examples:

Category	Description	Amount	Justification
Materials and Supplies	Wine Cap Mushrooms	\$60	\$30 each x 2 packages = \$60
Materials and Supplies	Tomato starts	\$80	\$4 each x 20 plants = \$80
Personnel	Ruby Farmer, intern. Cares for production and records harvest, soil data.	\$1168	73 hrs x \$16/hr = \$1168
Travel	Dav Hay travel to present results at farming conference	\$55	82 miles round trip x \$0.67/mile = \$55

Here are some example budget “line items.”

All items need to be important to making the grant happen. We do go through to make sure the math adds up correctly, so make sure to show your math on how you calculated your request, and the need for it in the project.

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Provide supporting documents:

- Ag professional's resume or CV
- Farmer/Rancher letters of participation
- Application Signoff Sheet
- Animal Welfare Statement (if funded)



You will also need to fill out the “attachments,” depending on your project.

That's enough help, right?
But wait! There's more!

NEW: HOW-TO
VIDEO TUTORIALS!



NCRSAREvideo

@NCRSAREvideo · 7.74K subscribers · 401 videos

North Central Region SARE (NCR-SARE) is one of four regional offices that run the Sustain...more

northcentralsare.org and 1 more link

Subscribe



I'd like to highlight a new resource we've created to help you feel equipped to apply for SARE grants. We have 11 short how-to videos. Each one is about 3 minutes and tackles a specific question we get frequently, like:

- Is my idea a good fit for a SARE grant?
- How does the funding work?
- What do I put in the outreach section?
- Etc!

Go to youtube.com and search "NCRSAREvideo" to find this playlist.

Questions?

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Before we go to the step-by-step directions for using the SARE online system, I'd like to pause for questions.

If you are not interested in the application part, you are free to go at this time, feel free to contact me later, if you'd like.

Application process



STEP #4: USE ONLINE SYSTEM TO APPLY.

SARE Grant Management System

This site is where the results and activities from [SARE](#) funded projects are reported and applications for grants are submitted.

[Search projects](#) to find information from all [SARE](#) funded projects.

[Log In](#) to submit a grant proposal or a report for a SARE funded grant project.

[Reset your password](#) if you forgot your password.

[Create an account](#) if you would like to submit a grant proposal and do not have an account.

SARE's mission is to advance - to the whole of American agriculture - innovations that improve profitability, stewardship, and quality of life by investing in groundbreaking research and education. [SARE's vision is...](#)



- Now we'll show a few of the screen shots from the online submission system so that you know what to expect. When you go to projects.sare.org, this is what you'll see.
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Start your application

<http://projects.sare.org>


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or
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Application

Demographic data is not tied to your application.

It is used for our improvement

Applicant Registration

SARE grants are only available to people and organizations or institutions in the US, its territories and protectorates.

Email*

Username*

Name profile

First name*

Last name*

Name Suffix (e.g. Sr, Jr, III)

Job Title*

Institution, organization or business name*

Institution, organization or business type*

Address Line 1*

Address Line 2

City*

State/Territory*

Zip*

Office/Day Phone*

Cell Phone

Website


Demographic Information: The SARE program is committed to an ethic of openness, inclusiveness, and sharing in all of its programs, policies, and procedures. To monitor our performance in these areas, we ask you to provide your demographic information. Demographic information is only shared or used in aggregate.

Ethnicity*

Race*

Sex*

Year of birth (optional)

☐ I'm not a robot 

Application

SARE Grant Management System

Proposal Applicant Links

- [Manage my grant proposals](#)
- [Start a new grant proposal](#)

Proposal Reviewer Links

- [Manage my proposal reviews](#)
- [Assign final review scores](#)

Get started



- Once you log in, you'll see this screen. Under projects, you'll see a list of all projects you've been associated with. Under the proposal Applicant Links, you'll see a link to manage applications. This is for you to edit proposals you've started but not submitted.
- Click on "Start a new grant proposal".

The screenshot shows a web application titled "Apply For A Grant" with a yellow "Application" label in the top right. The main content area has a "My proposals" section with three expandable regions: "North Central" (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI), "Southern" (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, PR, VI), and "Western" (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, AS, FM, GU). A callout box labeled "Choose North Central Region" points to the "North Central" region. Below this, a "Regions currently accepting applications" section lists the same three regions. The "North Central" region is expanded, showing a list of grant programs: "2025 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant" (Closes: December 7, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST), "2025 North Central Partnership Grant" (Closes: October 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm EDT), and "2025 North Central Research and Education Grant - Pre-proposal" (Closes: October 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm EDT). A callout box labeled "Chose the correct program" points to the "2025 North Central Partnership Grant" program. The "NORTH CENTRAL SARE Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education" logo is in the bottom right corner.

- You will see a list of all open grant applications, for all regions.
- Make sure you choose the correct grant program and the North Central Region. You will be completing the 2025 North Central Partnership Grant Proposal Application

Application

Proposal Overview

2025 North Central Partnership Grant

[My proposals](#)[View Draft](#)[Call for proposals](#)[Submit Proposal](#)

Closes: October 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm EDT
Status: Not submitted

Title: Missing title [Edit title](#)

The project title lets reviewers know what your project is about. Use words that are useful for finding your project in a website search. The maximum length is 150 characters which is about 35 words or less. Please use title case.

Project Description: Missing description [Edit description](#)

Description to be used for search results if funded. Limit of 300 characters

Applicant: [Betsy Wieland](#)

Project Coordinator: [Betsy Wieland](#) [Change](#) [Remove](#)

Additional Editor: [Add additional editor](#)

Proposal Requirements:
Provide the information requested in the sections below to submit your proposal.

- * [Cover](#)
- * [Institution Information](#)

Call For Proposals
Full details about the grant program, requirements and tips for success are found in the Call for Proposals.
We strongly encourage you to **READ THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS BEFORE STARTING** your proposal application.

Grant Requirement Highlights
Deadline: October 17th, 2024, 4:00 P.M. Central Time



To begin, enter the title and brief project description (less than 150 characters). Then you can start on the various sections.

Application

Return to main page as needed

Asterisks are removed when required sections are complete.

Cover

2025 North Central Partnership Grant

[Proposal Overview](#)
[View Drafts](#)
[Call for](#)

Really great project

Really great project

Proposal Overview

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Title: Really great project

[Edit title](#)

The proposal title is what reviewers know about your project is about. Use words that are useful for finding your project in a website search. The maximum length is 110 characters which is about 30 words or less. Please use title case.

Project Description:

This is a really great project.

[Edit description](#)

Description title used for search results if funded. Limit of 200 characters

Applicant: [Sally Wileland](#)

Project Coordinator: [Sally Wileland](#) [Change](#) [Remove](#)

Additional Editor: [Add additional editor](#)

Proposal Requirements:

Provide the information requested in the sections below to submit your proposal.


[* Close](#)

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[Grant Requirement Highlights](#)



- Answer each question by clicking on “edit answer” and saving your answer. Once you’ve completed the cover page information, or at any time, you can click on “Proposal Overview” to go back to the main page.

Application

Proposal Overview

2024 North Central Partnership Grant

+ My proposals
[View Draft?](#)

Closes: October 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm EDT

Status: Not submitted

Title: Comparing Tree Fruit Plant Growth Response to Compost Tea Extracts

[Edit title](#)

The project title lets reviewers know what your project is about. Use words that are useful for finding your project in a website search. The maximum length is 250 characters which is about 35 words or less. Please use Title Case.

Project Description:

Testing the Partnership grant application system.

[Edit description](#)

Description to be used for search results if funded. Limit of 300 characters

Project Coordinator:

Erin Schneider, M.Ed. [Change](#)

Proposal Requirements:

Provide the information requested in the sections below to submit your proposal.


- [Cover](#)
- [Institution Information](#)
- [Proposal](#)
- [Other Attachments](#)

NORTH CENTRAL REGION SARE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Application deadline is 4:00 pm CDT Thursday, October 19th

The Partnership Grant program funded by the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE) program is intended to foster cooperation between agriculture professionals and small groups of farmers and ranchers to catalyze on-farm research, demonstration, and education activities related to sustainable agriculture. The "partnership" aspect refers to an ag professional partnering with three independent farming enterprises, working together to solve a problem. Examples of appropriate projects include on-farm testing of cropping system strategies or grazing systems, cooperative efforts to develop new marketing approaches, investigations into new approaches to processing and/or adding value to sustainably produced farm products, food sovereignty, and projects that lead to resilient agricultural systems. General guidelines on these grants are below, with more specific details following.

View a draft
any time



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To view or share your draft preproposal, click on “View draft”

Application

Share your draft proposal with others for assistance and review.

Really great project

Edit proposal

ID: 466224

Link to share: <https://projects.staging.sare.org/proposals/466224/6488/>

[Download PDF](#)

Grant: 2025 North Central Partnership Grant

Status: Not submitted

☐ Applicant: [Betsy Wieland](#)

☐ Project Coordinator: [Betsy Wieland](#)

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Project end date: March 31, 2027

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Proposed Start Date

April 1, 2025

Proposed End Date

March 31, 2027

Total Funds Requested

20,000



You can also share your draft with others before you submit.

Special notes - Budget

Be sure to explain how each expense is calculated. Show your math.

Click "SAVE" after every category. It does not auto save.

Budget

Remember to save after entering each budget item, and provide calculations to show how you justification details.

Answer:

Budget Total: \$6,250

Description	Category	Amount
Farmer Stipends	Fee for services	\$6,250
250 hrs for 3 farmers @ \$25/hr		
Institute of Nature and Culture Total:	\$6,250	\$6,250

*Category: -- select category --

*Description:

Details/Justification:

Amount:

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Proposal Overview

View Grid

Complete the budget section of your proposal, including justification of each expense.

Once you are satisfied with the budget items, click "save."

Special notes - Institution Information

Unique Entity I.D.

On April 4, 2022, the federal government stopped using the DUNS Number to uniquely identify entities. Now, entities doing business with the federal government use the Unique Entity ID created in SAM.gov. Go to this link to see how to obtain a Unique Entity ID: <https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/technology-transformation-services/integrated-award-environment-lae/lae-systems-information-kit/unique-entity-identifier-update>

Answer:

LEAVE TIME!

For example, a University grants office or a non-profit's board

May take a week or more to obtain it.

For information on obtaining a Unique Entity I.D. (Formerly DUNS number), go to [gsa.gov](https://www.gsa.gov).

Institution Official Information

An authorized representative of the institution must sign the proposal Signoff Sheet (which will be uploaded in the "Other Attachments" section). Include contact information as requested.

Answer:

Special notes - Other attachments

Click here to print
your Application
Signoff Sheet.

Download it and send
it to your grant
(sponsored projects)
administration office
for signatures.

Signature Page

You have completed all required information and uploaded all necessary attachments, print a draft and print the [NCR SARE Partnership Application Signoff sheet](#). The applicant must sign the Application and submit it to your grants office or fiscal organization (if applicable) for an authorized organization representative's signature. You will need to obtain a pdf of the signed Application signoff sheet to upload with your proposal, prior to submitting your proposal.

Answer: [Edit](#)

APPLICATION SIGNOFF SHEET
NCR SARE Partnership Grant

Your signature is required below. Your institutional grants office should complete and sign the bottom of this page.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Institution Name: _____
Institution Address: _____



As part of the Other Attachments section,

You will also be asked to submit an applicant sign-off sheet. Remember to contact your institution's grants office to know their timelines for receiving your materials.

To create it, click on "Edit Answer" and you can download the applicant must Signoff Sheet.

You will need to complete all of the application sections before printing the Application Signoff Sheet.

You will submit it to your grants office or fiscal organization (if applicable) for an authorized organization representative's signature. You will need to obtain a pdf of the signed Application signoff sheet to upload with your proposal, prior to submitting your proposal.

Special notes - Other Attachments

You must upload the ag professional's(s) resume(s) or CV's and farmer/rancher letters of participation

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Instructions

These specific items will be uploaded as files onto the application's website. Please note that you **MUST SAVE** after each attachment is added. It does not store added information unless you hit the "save" button.

Agricultural Professional's Resume(s)

The application must include a resume (two-page maximum) for each agricultural professional involved in the project. Producers are not expected to submit a resume.

Answer:

Allowed file types: PDF, Image

No file selected

Save **Cancel**

Farmer/Rancher Letters Verifying Participation

Applications must include letters verifying participation from EACH farmer or rancher listed on the proposal. **Proposals not having a letter from each farmer may be disqualified from consideration.** (Do not submit general letters of support from other individuals or organizations.)

Answer:

Save

Signature Page



For Example, under Other Attachments, Include a resume for each agricultural professional involved in the project. Then include farmer/rancher letters from EACH farmer or rancher listed in the proposal verifying participation.

Application

Applicants: [QUALY, JENNIFER](#)

Project Coordinator: [Retsy Wieland](#) [Change](#) [Remove](#)

Additional Editor: [Add additional editor](#)

Proposal Requirements:
Provide the information requested in the sections below to submit your proposal.

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Call For Proposals
Full details about the grant program, requirements and tips for success are for Proposals.
We strongly encourage you to **READ THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS BEFORE** ST proposal application.

Grant Requirement Highlights
Deadline: October 17th, 2024, 4:00 P.M. Central Time
Budget: \$50,000 Maximum per application, up to 24 months, available April 1 indirect institutional costs allowed
Farmer/Rancher Participation: 3 or more farmers or ranchers substantially in development and/or implementation of the project
Application Signoff Sheet: Signatures from your institution are required to submit proposal. This can take a week or more to obtain.
About SARE and NCR-SARE
SARE's Mission is to advance – to the whole of American agriculture – innovation, improve profitability, stewardship, and quality of life by investing in groundbreakers and education.
North Central Region-Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE)'s mission is to strengthen and increase farmer/rancher economic viability, and improve the environment by supporting research and education
The 12 states of North Central Region-SARE include: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.
The NCR-SARE program is hosted by the University of Minnesota.

Equity and Inclusion in NCR-SARE
The North Central SARE program operates under a cooperative agreement between the University of Minnesota and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The University of Minnesota provides equal access to



Once you have completed all required sections—the “submit proposal” button appears. If you don’t see that button, you are still missing a required component. Check to make sure you’ve completed the project description and the title, which can often be overlooked.

Once you are satisfied with your proposals, click “submit proposal.”

Application

Submit Proposal

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If you are satisfied with your proposal, you may submit it now by clicking the "Submit proposal" button below

Submit proposal

And click "Submit Proposal" again.

Congratulations, you're done! You will receive a confirmation email shortly. If you don't check the system again to make sure your email address is correct.

This is where you will receive notification about the proposal.



You'll land on this page to complete submission.

Application

After you submit your proposal, you will be taken to this page. You can “Unsubmit Proposal” to make changes any time before the deadline.

You **MUST** submit the proposal again after making changes.

To find it again, log into projects.sare.org, click on “Manage my grant Proposals.”

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[Unsubmit Proposal](#)

ID: 466224

Link to share: <https://projects.sare.org/proposals/466224/6488/>

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Grant: 2025 North Central Partnership Grant

Status: Submitted on 07/30/2024 3:21pm EDT by Betsy Wisland

Amount Requested: \$20,000

☐ Applicant: [Betsy Wisland](#)

☐ Project Coordinator: [Betsy Wisland](#)

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You will see this confirmation page. Note that in this system, you can “unsubmit” and make changes PRIOR to the closing date for the grant program. Make sure you resubmit by the closing date and time.

NEXT STEPS

- Read the Call for Proposals
- Call a friend
- Search the SARE database for related projects
- Start drafting your proposal
- Set up an account on projects.sare.org
- Try scoring your proposal
- Be in touch with questions!



Congratulations! You have now submitted your Partnership Grant Proposal.

Good luck with your proposal. If you have any questions, contact NCR-SARE.

Stay in touch with SARE:

- On the web: <http://www.northcentral.sare.org/>
- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRSARE>
- On Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ncrsare>
- On Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ncrsare>
- On YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/NCRSAREvideo>

Thank you!

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Thank you for your time and interest in our Partnership Grant Program.

We look forward to working with you and reading your proposals!