



The image contains the NCR-SARE logo on the left and a photograph of a garden on the right. The logo features the text "NORTH CENTRAL SARE" in green, with a yellow sun icon behind the word "SARE". Below this is a green graphic of a field with a white path, and the text "Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education" in green. The photograph shows a garden with large green leafy plants in the foreground and a white bird in the background. A small text credit "photo credit: Abiam Kaplan" is visible at the bottom of the photo.

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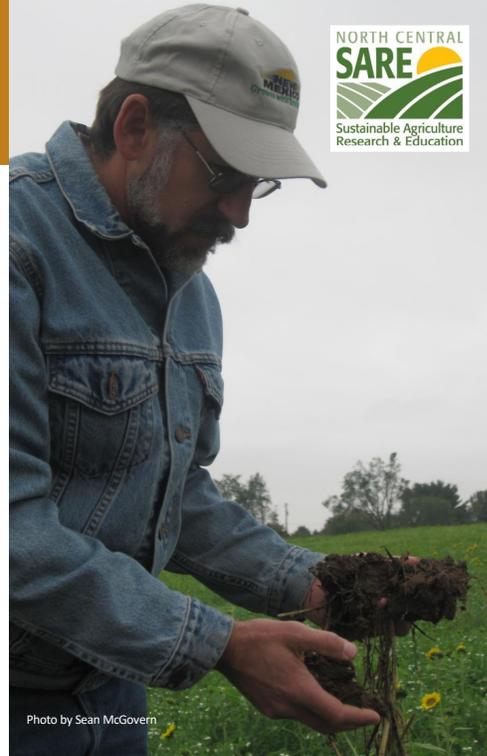
Welcome to this PowerPoint presentation about how to apply for an NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher grant.

The Farmer Rancher grant program is a competitive grant program to fund on-farm research and education projects in the North Central region. The grants are intended to help you solve a problem on the farm or ranch using innovative sustainable agriculture practices and to help you share your project results with others.

My name is Joan Benjamin and I coordinate the NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grant program. I will tell you briefly about the SARE program, I'll go over a few grant-writing basics, then will give you specifics about the Farmer Rancher grant and the online application process. This PowerPoint is available on the NCR-SARE website at: <https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/farmer-rancher-grant/>

# What is SARE?

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

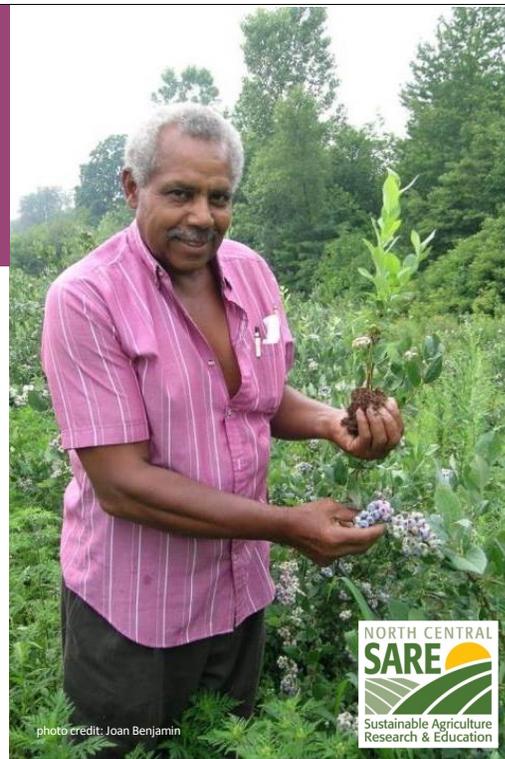


SARE is part of USDA and is funded through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture or NIFA program.

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

## A Different Kind of Grant Program

SARE was started in 1988, conceived as a decentralized, science-based, grassroots, practical, problem-solving, and inclusive competitive grant-making and outreach program.



The program is run by four regions—North Central, Northeast, South, and West, each guided by a volunteer Administrative Council that makes grants and sets regional priorities.

SARE is a decentralized, grassroots grant program which means that each of the four regions makes its own funding decisions, including what type of grant programs to offer in their respective region.

NCR-SARE's proposal review teams and the governing Administrative Council include farmers and ranchers, educators, researchers and personnel from state and federal agencies.

The Farmer Rancher Grant Review committee is made up mostly of farmers and ranchers representing all 12 states in the North Central Region. When you write a Farmer Rancher Grant, this is the audience you are addressing: farmers and ranchers from the North Central Region. They are interested in practical proposals and accurate budgets.

We have a strong commitment to diversity. Proposals that involve farmers, ranchers, or youth from historically-underserved\* populations are encouraged. *\*USDA defines historically-underserved audiences to include socially-disadvantaged producers, limited-resource producers, beginning farmers/ranchers, and veterans. They further define socially-disadvantaged farmers and ranchers as belonging to the following groups: American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and women.*

# The SARE Model

- Four regional councils set priorities and make grants
- SARE Outreach produces practical information
- USDA-NIFA supports SARE
- Other USDA agencies and land-grant universities are partners



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

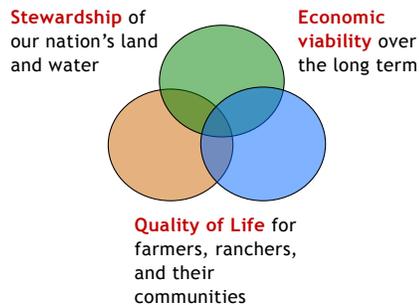
SARE Outreach is the national outreach group for SARE. They work with SARE's regions to share grantee research results with farmers, ranchers, educators, consumers and others interested in sustainable agriculture. SARE publications cover a wide variety of sustainable agriculture topics in many formats, from books on cover crops and building soil health to bulletins on managing rangeland and water resources to online resources like YouTube videos and Topic Rooms that cover subjects such as high tunnels and small ruminants.

SARE Outreach materials and information on all funded SARE grant projects can be found on the SARE website: [www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)  
Most resources are free to download and print bulletins can also be ordered for free.

Look at the Project Reports tab on the NCR-SARE website to see reports from funded projects at: <https://northcentral.sare.org/project-reports/>  
When you first start thinking about your grant idea, check the SARE project reports and other resources to see how you can build on previous work instead of repeating it. This will make your grant proposal more competitive.

# The SARE Model

Successful SARE grantees have projects that are guided by the 3 principals of sustainability...



Sustainable agriculture emphasizes the Economic, Environmental, and Social Impacts of agriculture. In your proposal, you should explain how your project addresses each of the three parts of sustainable agriculture, even if it emphasizes one part over the others.

Simply put, Sustainable Agriculture is:

- Ecologically sound
- Economically viable
- Socially responsible

Or to put it another way, it involves:

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

## Stakeholder Involvement

Exploring problems identified by farmers and ranchers

Farmers and ranchers are involved in research and outreach



As in all successful SARE projects, farmers and ranchers are considered major stakeholders in the project's research, demonstration and outreach process.

Applicants for the Farmer Rancher Grant Program must identify specific problems and potential solutions to those problems.

This grant program is for sustainable agriculture research, demonstration, and education projects; NOT for start up costs or everyday farming expenses except those directly related to the project.

Projects that involve whole farm systems research and education are encouraged.

Livestock projects need to comply with reasonable animal care requirements to ensure that animals are properly cared for.

Projects that include a youth component are also welcome and encouraged.

# The SARE Portfolio

- Sustainable pest/weed management
- Clean energy
- Marketing
- Food Sovereignty
- Stewardship of land and water
- Systems research
- Community development
- Crop diversification
- Soil quality
- Nutrient management
- Rotational grazing
- ...and much more



Since 1992, NCR-SARE has awarded over \$10.5 million to fund farmer and rancher research and education through the Farmer Rancher Grant Program

Past Farmer Rancher award recipients have been given grants to studying topics such as:

- Agroecology
- Agroforestry
- Alternative Grains as Animal Feed
- Beneficial Insects, Pollinator Habitat
- Cover Crops
- Crop/Landscape Diversity
- Educating/Mentoring New Farmers/Ranchers
- Farmland Access
- Food Sovereignty
- Holistic Farming & Ranching
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Labor Needs and Issues
- Organic Agriculture
- Permaculture
- Poultry, Small-Scale Livestock
- Proactive Weed Management
- Quality of Life Issues for Family/Community
- Regenerative Agriculture

- Renewable Energy
- Managed Grazing
- Soil Health
- Value-Added & Direct Marketing
- Water Quality Improvement/Wetlands

## Farmer Rancher Grant Program

- Grants directly fund farmers and ranchers who are looking for innovative sustainable agriculture solutions to production or marketing problems on the farm or ranch
- Up to \$15,000 for an Individual farmer or rancher and up to \$30,000 for Teams (two or more farmers or ranchers)
- Applicants are encouraged to work with university or non-profit partners
- About 40 projects funded per year
- Coordinated by Joan Benjamin



Any farmer or rancher or group of farmers or ranchers who farm or operate a ranch in the North Central Region may apply. For this program, a farmer or rancher is defined as someone who raises crops or livestock, especially as a business.

Applicants may be just beginning the transition to a more sustainable operation or may already be using some sustainable practices and want to make additional changes. The grants help reduce the risk of trying out new ideas. These grants do not require matching funds.

Farmers and Ranchers 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 new technologies; or create or modify equipment. If you've never applied for a grant before, this is a good one to start with.

I am the Farmer Rancher Grant Coordinator for the North Central region and I'm located at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. Most of our staff is located at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

Feel free to contact me with specific questions regarding the Farmer Rancher Grant.

## Grant Writing Basics: top ten tips

- **Determine if this is the right grant for you.** Make sure your idea fits program priorities.
- **Read the Call for Proposals carefully.** Highlight important points & deadlines.
- **Plan ahead on how to accomplish your project.** Think about the details before you fill out the proposal.
- **Keep the writing simple and explain terms.** A grant proposal is not a mystery novel - get to the point quickly, concisely, logically.

**Make sure your idea fits the grant priorities or it won't get funded. Call the grant coordinator for additional details and advice.**

**Understand review process** and the criteria for evaluating your proposal so you know where to put the most effort.

**Follow the guidelines** in the Call for Proposals. Calls change each year. Be sure you're using the most current call.

**Develop clear goals.** Whether you are trying to solve an insect pest problem, conduct a marketing project or do something no one's even thought of yet, **simple and clear goals** let the reviewers know **WHAT** your goal is. Then—as they read your application—they can see **HOW** you are going to reach your goal.

Proposals with clear objectives and methods are the most successful. Focus on what you can accomplish during the project time period. Do not promise more than you can deliver.

**Plan ahead on how to accomplish your project.** Think about the details before you fill out the proposal. If you are doing a research project and choose to use an experimental design, make sure the design is capable of yielding conclusive results. If you need help on a research design, include a cooperator with experience in on-farm research. Also see the SARE bulletin: [How to Conduct Research on Your Farm or Ranch](#). If you are planning an education project, you may want to involve other educators to help you develop surveys or other methods to evaluate the success of your education efforts.

**Keep the writing simple** Write your proposal logically - make it easy for reviewers. Avoid acronyms.

## Grant Writing Basics: top ten tips

- **Measure your results.** Be sure that what you are measuring will give you the information you need to tell if you have accomplished your objectives.
- **Timing is everything.** Let reviewers know **WHEN** you will be doing the things you plan to do.
- **Involve other groups and people who can complement your skills.** Pick cooperators carefully, and make sure each one has the skills you need, whether that's research, marketing, outreach or another skill.

**Measure your results.** Whether it is crop yield, reduced erosion, milk protein content, bigger tomatoes, increased market share for a cooperative, or community involvement, make sure that what you are measuring will give you the information you need to tell if you have accomplished your objectives. If you take samples—for example, plants or insects—make sure that your samples are representative of the whole field or plot.

**Timing is everything.** A **detailed** timetable lets reviewers know that you have given this work some thought and that you have a clear idea of the time it will take.

**Choose cooperators to complement your skills.** When you enlist the cooperation of people who have expertise in areas that you don't—research, marketing, education, outreach, etc. — they'll help you make your project better and increase your chances of receiving funding. **Pick your cooperators carefully, and make sure each one has the skills you need.**

The strongest proposals demonstrate that the project will be planned and carried out by a variety of individuals or organizations. Successful grant projects have involved Extension educators; Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) staff including Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council staff; nonprofit group participants; other farmers or ranchers; youth, and/or other members of the community.

## Grant Writing Basics: top ten tips

- **Develop a clear outreach plan** to share what you learn from your project.
- **Develop a realistic budget.** Include a strong justification for each budget item.
- **Follow directions.** Proposals can be disqualified if the applicant does not answer all questions or follow general format directions regarding word counts, etc.

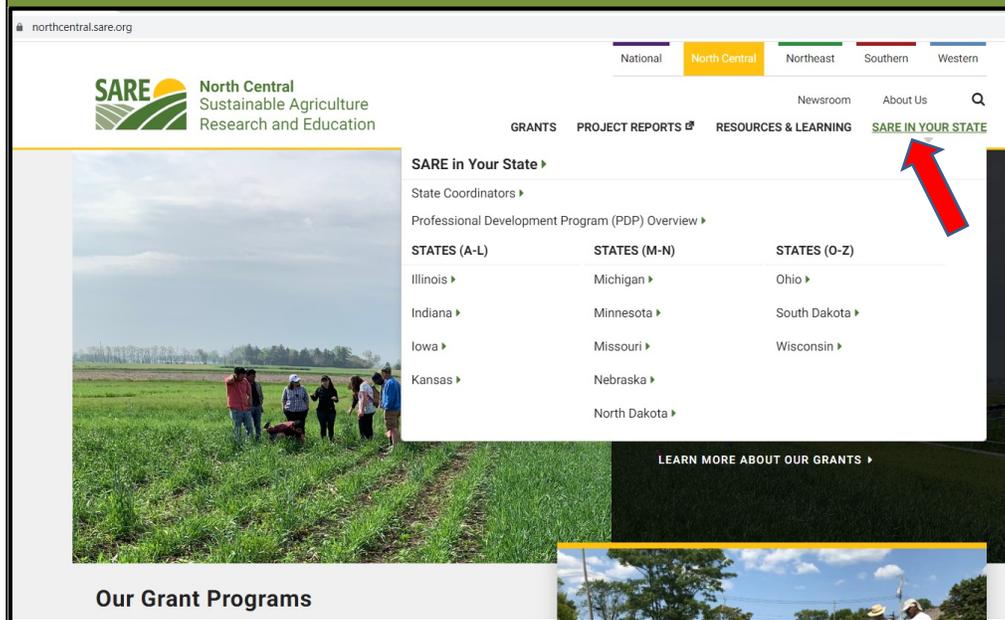
**Develop a clear outreach plan.** Outreach activities can include field days, workshops, publications, social media or any method to get the results of your project to people who can use those results to practice sustainable agriculture. Try to use more than one method of outreach to reach a broader audience.

**Develop a realistic budget.** Itemize your expenses and include a budget justification. This should show how you arrived at the figures in your budget. Make phone calls or search the web to find accurate cost estimates. Explain why the items in your budget are needed for your project.

Whether you are funded or not:

**You will receive reviewer comments. They can provide you with valuable advice for future grant applications. Not all good proposals are funded – there isn't enough funding.**

## Grant Writing Help: Each NCR-SARE State has one or more State SARE Coordinators. Find your state coordinator here.



The screenshot shows the website [northcentral.sare.org](https://northcentral.sare.org). The header includes the SARE logo and the text "North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education". Navigation tabs for "National", "North Central", "Northeast", "Southern", and "Western" are visible, with "North Central" selected. A secondary navigation bar contains "GRANTS", "PROJECT REPORTS", "RESOURCES & LEARNING", and "SARE IN YOUR STATE", with a red arrow pointing to the latter. Below the navigation, a large image shows a group of people in a field. To the right of the image is a dropdown menu titled "SARE in Your State" with sub-items: "State Coordinators", "Professional Development Program (PDP) Overview", and a list of states categorized by letter: "STATES (A-L)", "STATES (M-N)", and "STATES (O-Z)". A "LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR GRANTS" link is also present.

STATES (A-L)	STATES (M-N)	STATES (O-Z)
Illinois	Michigan	Ohio
Indiana	Minnesota	South Dakota
Iowa	Missouri	Wisconsin
Kansas	Nebraska	
	North Dakota	

Go to the NCR-SARE Home page at: <https://northcentral.sare.org/>

Click on: "SARE IN YOUR STATE" then click on your state.



## More Grant Writing Help: Grants Advising for Farmers and Ranchers in the Midwest

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute (MFAI) provides **free** Grants Advising services to farmers and ranchers applying for NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grants. MFAI Grants Advising services are open to all Midwestern farmers, agricultural entrepreneurs and institutions and include help applying to non-SARE grant programs, as well as loan, and cost-share programs of state, federal, and private sources.

**For help, contact MFAI Grants Advisor, Wren Almitra at:**  
[grants@michaelfields.org](mailto:grants@michaelfields.org) or 719-318-7936.

For more information see:  
<http://www.michaelfields.org/grant-advising-resources/>.

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute provides free financial assistance advising to agricultural producers and producer groups within the 12-state region of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

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### **About Michael Fields Agricultural Institute**

MFAI's Advisors can help you apply to grant, loan, and cost-share programs of state or federal sources that could help you with specific projects to develop your agricultural, forestry or related business or answer a research question . These can be programs of any federal or state agency, not just the USDA, as well as private sources. We assist individual producers, associations of farmers, and agricultural, fishery and forestry-related businesses to both search for and apply to programs for which they are eligible.

MFAI Grants Advisors help determine what funding opportunities might be appropriate to achieve specific farm goals. They will help identify a funding program that best fits your project and outline a plan of work to meet the application deadline and all

application requirements. If your farm goals do not align with a grant program, they may suggest other resources, such as federal, state or local loan programs, loan guarantees, conservation cost-share programs, or information resources.

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## Our Grant Programs

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**Research and Education Grant Program**  
 The 2024 Research and Education Call for Preproposals is now available. Preproposals are due on October 5, 2023 at 4pm Central Time.  
[Learn more ▶](#)  
[Apply Now ▶](#)

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**Partnership Grant Program**  
 The 2024 Partnership Call for Proposals is now available. Proposals are due on October 19, 2023 at 4pm Central Time.  
[Learn more ▶](#)  
[Apply Now ▶](#)

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**Youth Educator Grant Program**  
 The 2024 Youth Educator Call for Proposals is now available. Proposals are due on November 9, 2023 at 4pm Central Time.  
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[Apply Now ▶](#)

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**Farmer Rancher Grant Program** →  
 The 2024 Farmer Rancher Call for Proposals is now available. Proposals are due on December 7, 2023 at 4pm Central Time.  
[Learn more ▶](#)  
[Apply Now ▶](#)



**What is Sustainable Agriculture?**  
 How do we produce and distribute food, fuel, and fiber sustainably? While every strategy varies, SARE embraces three broad goals: economic viability over the long term; stewardship of our nation's land, air, and water; and quality of life for farmers, ranchers, and their communities.  
[Learn More ▶](#)

NCR-SARE uses an online submission system to take applications. Open “calls for proposals” for the various grant programs can be found on our homepage at: <https://northcentral.sare.org/>.

A “Call for Proposals” is the instructions and application needed to turn in a grant proposal.

Scroll down under “Our Grant Programs,” to the Farmer Rancher Grant Program. For details, click on “Learn more.” Click on “Apply Now” to begin an application.

### About the Farmer Rancher Grant Program

Farmers and ranchers have critical insight when it comes to improving their systems. Whether they need to limit off-farm inputs, reduce [erosion](#), create more time for family or community activities, learn marketing skills, or find other ways to enhance their livelihoods, farmers and ranchers can turn to the North Central Region SARE (NCR-SARE) Program for grant opportunities and information. In 1992, NCR-SARE began a competitive Farmer Rancher Grant Program exclusively to fund farmers and ranchers striving for agricultural sustainability.

NCR-SARE's Farmer Rancher Grant Program is a competitive grants program for farmers and ranchers who want to explore sustainable solutions to problems through on-farm research, demonstration, and education projects.

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Check out these [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) about the Farmer Rancher Grant program for more information.

- Farmer Rancher grants are for ideas initiated by farmers and ranchers and are offered as individual grants (\$15,000 maximum) or team grants for two or more farmers/ranchers who are working together (\$30,000 maximum).
- Projects may last up to 23 months.
- About 40 projects are funded each year.
- Grants support producers who are protecting natural resources, enhancing

### The 2024 Farmer Rancher Call for Proposals is now available.

Proposals are due on December 7, 2023 by 4pm Central Time.

[Apply Now](#)

NCR-SARE will host a Zoom meeting about this grant program on October 4 at 4pm Central.

[Register now](#)

[Download the Call \(Word\)](#)

[Download the Call \(PDF\)](#)

When you click on “Learn More,” you will see helpful information about Farmer Rancher Grants. The instructions on how to apply are in the Call for Proposals. Click on “Download the Call to read a copy of the current call for Farmer Rancher grant proposals. It is available as a Word document that you can use to prepare a draft of your application or as a PDF file.

Make sure you have the current call, as there are typically a number of changes from the previous call. If you have any problems downloading the proposal, contact the NCR-SARE office and we can email you a copy, or send you a hard copy.

The Online Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m. Central Time, Thursday, December 7, 2023. If you are unable to use the online system, you may submit a proposal by mail or e-mail. Mail and e-mail submissions must be received by 4:00 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the NCR-SARE main office in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Proposals sent by Fax will NOT be accepted. They are too hard to read.





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www.sare.org | ncrsare@umn.edu

NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grant and Youth Educator Grant Office  
Lincoln University | 900 Leslie Blvd, Rm 101 | Jefferson City, MO 65101 | ph: 573-681-5545

**NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grants  
to experiment with or demonstrate Sustainable Agriculture Practices  
2024 Call for Proposals**

**PURPOSE:** Farmer Rancher Grants provide opportunities for farmers and ranchers to solve problems on the farm or ranch using innovative sustainable agriculture practices. Projects can focus on research or education and demonstration. Approximately \$720,000 is available for this program. Grant recipients have 23 months to complete their projects. There are two types of competitive grants:

1. Individual grants (\$15,000 maximum)
2. Team grants for two or more farmers or ranchers from separate and distinct operations who are working together (\$30,000 maximum).

**TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL:** go to <https://projects.sare.org/>. The online submission system opens in August 2023. **Proposals must be received online or in the NCR-SARE office by mail or e-mail by 4:00 p.m. Central Time on December 7, 2023.** Faxed proposals will NOT be reviewed. If you are unable to use the online system e-mail: [ncrsare@umn.edu](mailto:ncrsare@umn.edu) or mail proposals to:

NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grant Program  
120 Biosystems & Ag Eng Bldg, University of Minnesota  
1390 Eckles Ave, St Paul MN 55108

This call for proposals is available on the North Central SARE web site at <https://northcentral.sare.org/>.  
If you need a printed application, call 612-626-3113.

**Checklist of Items Needed to Submit a 2024 Grant Proposal**

- Proposal  Budget  Letter of support  Confirmation of Commitment from Teams

Whenever you apply for a grant, be sure to read the Call for Proposals first. It contains directions and the application and can help you determine if the grant is a good match for you.

At the top of the Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals, you will see the link where you can submit a proposal. Or you can click on the “Apply Now” button on the NCR-SARE homepage.

https://projects.sare.org/

## Apply For A Grant

### SARE Grant Management System

This site is where the results and activities from SARE funded projects are reported and grant applications submitted.

[Create an account](#)

OR

**Login**

Username or Email Address

Password

Remember Me

When you click on the “Apply Now” button on the NCR-SARE website, you will see this page.

I will now guide you through using the online application system.

If you’ve never had a SARE grant before, you will first need to create an account and complete your user profile. Click on “Create an account.”

If you’ve had a SARE grant previously and filed reports in this system, your profile will already be in the system, and you can “Log in” with the information you used for reporting.

## Applicant Registration

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

After logging in, click on the "[Projects Home](#)" link at the top of any SARE Grant Management page to view any of your existing proposals.

Email\*

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Username\*

Name prefix

First name\*

Last name\*

Name Suffix  e.g. DVM or Jr.

Job Title\*

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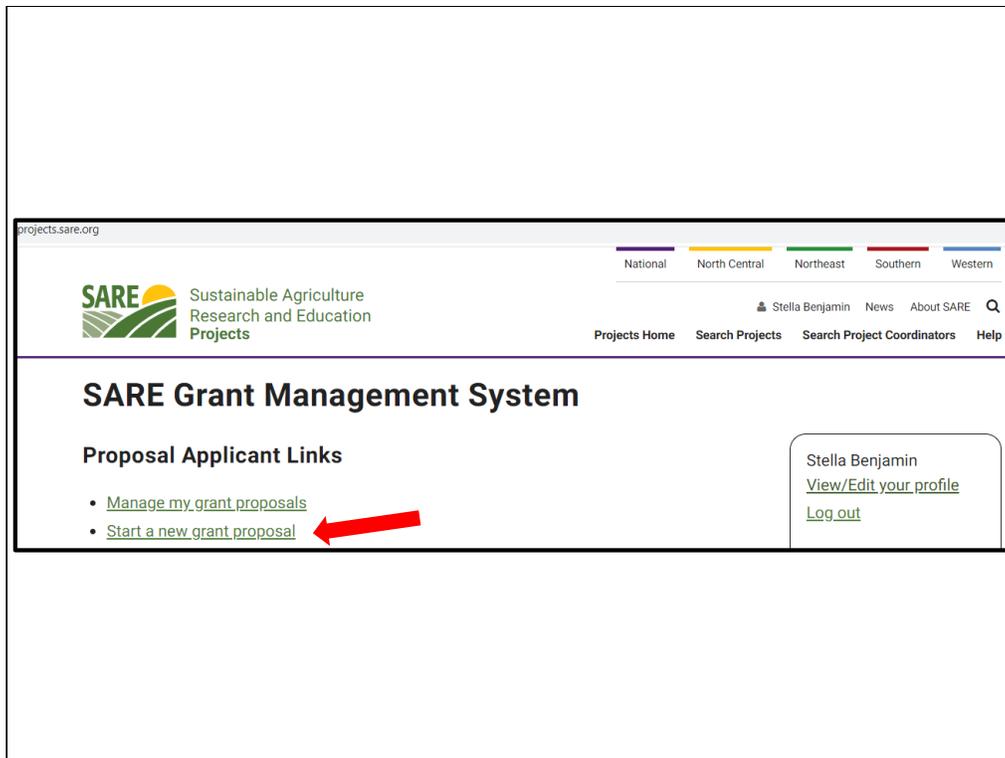
If you have problems creating an account please contact [projects@sare.org](mailto:projects@sare.org).

To “Create an account,” Complete the requested information, then click on “Register” in the lower left-hand side of the webpage. Information regarding this application will be sent to the email address you provide here.

We also request demographic information. The North Central Region SARE program is committed to an ethic of openness, inclusiveness, and diversity in all its programs, policies, and procedures.

To monitor our performance in these areas, we collect demographic information. We appreciate your help with this.

Demographic information is not linked to your proposal. You must answer the demographic questions, but you may choose “prefer to not answer” for each question. If you have questions, please contact Joan Benjamin.



Once you have completed the information and logged into the system, you'll see this screen.

Click on "Start a new grant proposal."

If you've submitted projects before, or had a project funded before, you'll see them listed on this page.

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## Apply For A Grant

My proposals

+ North Central  
IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI

+ Southern  
AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA

+ Western  
AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY

### Apply For A Grant

My proposals

#### Regions currently accepting applications

Click on a region below to show the grants that are currently accepting proposals.

**North Central**  
IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI

**2024 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant**  
[Call for proposals](#)  
Closes: December 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm EST  
[Begin a new proposal](#)

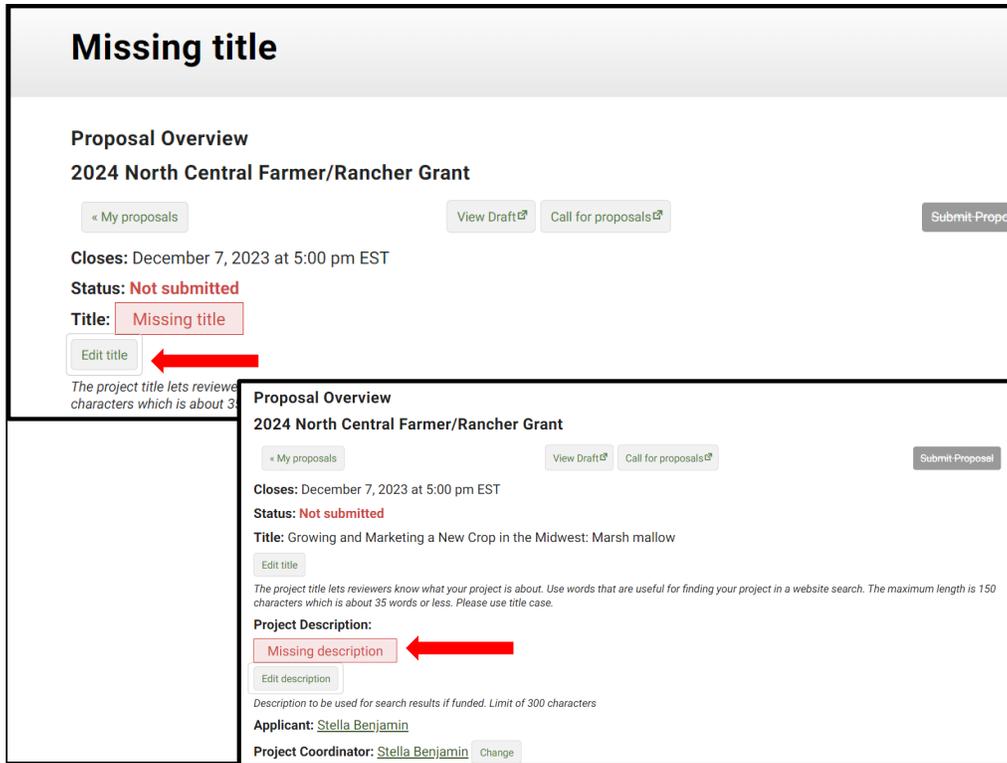
**2024 North Central Youth Educator Grant**  
[Call for proposals](#)  
Closes: November 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm EST  
[Begin a new proposal](#)

**2024 North Central Partnership Grant**  
[Call for proposals](#)  
Closes: October 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm EDT

You will see a list of all open grant applications, for all four SARE regions.

Choose the North Central Region by clicking on the plus sign (+). Then choose the correct grant program. You will be completing the North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant application.

Click on “Begin a new proposal.”



The first items that must be completed are marked as “Missing.” For example, “Missing title” or “Missing description.”

Click on “Edit title,” then type in the title of your proposal in the space provided. This lets reviewers know what your project is about – be descriptive but not too wordy.

Use key words that are useful for finding your project in a website search, keeping the title to 150 characters or less including spaces (this is about 25 words).

Click on “Save” to save your title. Note that throughout the application, you must click on “Save” after every entry to save the information you’ve entered.

Click on “Edit Title” again to change your answers.

**Proposal Overview**

**2024 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant**

[« My proposals](#) [View Draft](#) [Call for proposals](#)

**Closes:** December 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm EST

**Status:** **Not submitted**

**Title:** Growing and Marketing a New Crop in the Midwest: Marsh mallow

[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 engine. The title should be 35 characters or less. Please use title case.*

**Project Description:**

Characters: 295/300

This project will explore how well Marsh mallow (*Althaea officinalis*) grows in the Midwest, with a same time, we will experiment with recipes to make marshmallows as they were originally made, and explore business and consumer interest.

[Save description](#) [Cancel](#)

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

**Applicant:** [Stella Benjamin](#)

**Project Coordinator:** [Stella Benjamin](#) [Change](#)

To fill in the Project Description, click on “Edit description” and provide a brief proposal description of 300 characters or less—including spaces, which is about 45 words. For most answers with a character or word limit, the system tracks the entry so that you know when you’re running out of room. Click on “Save description” to save the text you entered.

**Title:** Growing and Marketing a New Crop in the Midwest: Marsh mallow

[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:**

This project will explore how well Marsh mallow (*Althaea officinalis*) grows in the Midwest, with and without cover crops. At the same time, we will experiment with recipes to make marshmallows as they were originally made, using the Marsh mallow root, and explore business and consumer interest.

[Edit description](#)

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

**Applicant:** [Stella Benjamin](#)

**Project Coordinator:** [Stella Benjamin](#) [Change](#)

**Proposal Requirements:**

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

- [\\* General Information](#)
- [\\* Grant Proposal](#)
- [\\* Livestock Care Plan](#)
- [\\* Letter of Support](#)
- [\\* Budget and justification](#)

**FARMER RANCHER GRANTS to experiment with or demonstrate Sustainable Agriculture Practices**

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**SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:**

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NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grant Program  
 120 Biosystems & Ag Eng Bldg, University of Minnesota  
 1390 Eckles Ave, St Paul MN 55108

If you need a printed application, call 612-626-3113.

You're ready to move to the first section of the application, "General Information." Click on "General Information" to answer the questions in that section.

## General Information

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### Growing and Marketing a New Crop in the Midwest: Marsh mallow

**State**

List the state where project work is taking place.

✖ **Answer:** Edit ←

**County**

✖ **Answer:** Edit

**Are you a Farmer or Rancher?**

You must be a farmer or rancher to apply. A farmer/rancher is someone who raises crops or livestock, especially as a business. Beginning farmers/ranchers are eligible to apply. Most Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) should apply for Partnership Grants for projects working with farmers and ranchers. See: <https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/partnership-grant/>. NGOs that are actively farming can apply for Farmer Rancher Grants. The NGO farmer must be the applicant, but payments can go to the NGO.

✖ **Answer:** Edit

**State**

List the state where project work is taking place.

✖ **Answer:**

-- select one -- ←

Save Cancel

Click on the “Edit” button for each question and enter your answer. Note that some boxes give you a list to choose from. For example, which you click on “Edit” to fill in the state where the project work is taking place, you will see “select one” which means there is a drop-down menu that that will be visible when you click on the “down” indicator. Be sure to click on “Save” after you answer each question.

**State**  
List the state where project work is taking place.  
✔ Answer:    
Missouri

**County**  
✔ Answer:    
Boone

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✔ Answer:   
• Yes

**Type of Grant Project**  
Is this an Individual or Team (2 or more farmers or ranchers) Project? Select from the dropdown menu.  
✔ Answer: 

Once you have completed and saved an answer, a green check mark appears next to that question. To change your answer, click on “Edit,” change your answer, and click on “Save.”

### Type of Grant Project

Is this an Individual or Team (2 or more farmers or ranchers) Project? Select from the dropdown menu.

✓ Answer:

Individual

Team (2 or more farmers/ranchers) ←

Save Cancel

### Team Project Members

For Team projects, list all members of your team and their contact information. Check "Farmer/Rancher" for their role. When the proposal is submitted, each Team member will receive an email with a link for them to confirm their participation.

Answer:

Add a cooperator ←

For a "Team Grant," you must complete contact information for each of your team members by clicking on "Add a cooperator." Let your team members know that they will be sent an email to confirm their participation in the grant project.

You must provide contact information for your fellow farmers and ranchers if you are applying for a Team grant with 2 or more farmers or ranchers. Click on "Add a cooperator" to add each team member's information.

Once the application is submitted, cooperators will be sent an email message asking them to confirm their participation on your grant. They must confirm within a week for your project to keep moving through the review process.

Check the box Farmer/Rancher for the Role the team member has in your project.

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**Answer:**

Save Cancel

\*Role(s):  Farmer/Rancher 

Name Prefix:

\* First Name:

\* Last Name:

Name Suffix:

\* Email:  

Job Title:

Organization Name:

Institution Type:

Address:

Fill in the contact information for your team members. Be sure to fill in the email. If they do not have an email address, they will need to provide a brief (1 paragraph) statement explaining their role in the project. You can attach this statement to your proposal.

Complete the contact information for your team members. Include their email addresses so we can send them a link to confirm their participation. If they do not have an email address, ask them to write or type a brief (1 paragraph) statement explaining their role in the project and have them include their contact information. Attach the statement to your grant proposal.

**Farming System**

**Choose Your Topic.** Select items from the **Farming System** list that best represent your project. They should show the primary focus of your project. This is for sorting proposals for review. It is for SARE use only and will not affect your proposal review.

✓ **Answer:** [Edit](#)

- Crop Production (includes agroforestry, beekeeping, pollination)

**Crops**

**Choose Your Topic.** Select items from the **Crops** list that best represent your project. They should show the primary focus of your project. This is for sorting proposals for review. It is for SARE use only and will not affect your proposal review.

✓ **Answer:** [Edit](#)

- Additional Plants (herbs, native plants, ornamentals, trees)

**Other Crops**

If your project is about crops that are not listed above, please list them here. Use for mushrooms, syrup, etc.

**Answer:** [Edit](#)

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Once you have answered the questions and saved all information in the “General Information” section, click on “Next Section” to move to the next set of questions, or click on “Proposal Overview” to see which sections are yet to be completed. These options are available at the top and bottom of the web page. You can also click on “View Draft” to see how your proposal looks so far, or “Call for Proposals,” if you want to review instructions.

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**Project Description:**  
 This project will explore how well Marsh mallow (*Althaea officinalis*) grows in the Midwest, with and without cover crops. At the same time, we will experiment with recipes to make marshmallows as they were originally made, using the Marsh mallow root, and explore business and consumer interest.  
[Edit description](#)

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

**Applicant:** [Stella Benjamin](#)  
**Project Coordinator:** [Stella Benjamin](#) [Change](#)

**Proposal Requirements:**  
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[\\* Grant Proposal](#)

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If you return to “Proposal Overview,” you will see which sections are completed and which still need to be filled out. Sections that have not been completed have a red asterisk (\*) beside them. Click on the next section, which is “Grant Proposal” in this example, and complete the next section.

Sections that are completed will not have a red asterisk beside the section heading, like “General Information” in this example.

**Project Coordinator Information.** Read the Call for Proposals (CFP) before working on your application. The CFP contains directions to help you complete your proposal. To begin your application, answer the questions that follow in this online system. Save your work after answering each question.

For additional information about preparing a proposal, you can view a presentation at:  
<https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/farmer-rancher-grant/>

Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to see presentations.

If you are unable to use the online system, complete your proposal using a computer or typewriter, or print legibly in dark ink and mail to NCR-SARE. Do not exceed word limits. Extra words will be removed.

**People**

**Describe the people carrying out the project and their role.** (400 words)

- **Individual proposals:** Describe your background and experience so reviewers know what skills and knowledge you bring to the project. Explain your role. Describe your farm or ranch and include the size of your operation, crops grown, etc.
- **\*Team proposals,** provide names and background of all Team members, a description of their farms or ranches, and their role in the project. At least two members of the team must be farmers or ranchers. (Once the farmer or rancher requirement is met, feel free to add participants who are not farmers or ranchers.)

**\*Team Confirmation of Commitment** – For Team proposals, the team members will be sent an email asking them to confirm their participation.

**Answer:**

Words: 61/400

I have farmed in Missouri for 15 years, growing vegetables, flowers, and herbs that are sold at the Columbia Farmers Market and to local grocery stores. Our farm consists of 30 acres of pasture and woods, with 1.5 acres used for growing vegetables in-ground and in 2 hoop houses. Our main crops are sweet potatoes, parsley, thyme, dahlias, zinnias, and sunflowers.

Answer each question in the Grant Proposal section. The system will show you how many words you have used so you don't go over the limit. In this example, 61 out of 400 words have been used.

Click on "Save" to save your answer.

**Outreach**

How will you share the information you... (words) All projects must include outreach... trials. For Education Projects, explain h... outreach activities you hold for your pr... and demonstration efforts.) Outreach o... outreach plans and provide...

**Answer:** Words: 0/400

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DATE	OUTREACH ACTIVITY
Mid-May – August 2024	Document progress of research trials by taking photos and posting them with descriptions on Freeman Farm website and Facebook page. Develop and post 2 YouTube videos of working with cover crops.
Early-August 2024	Give a presentation at a regional Sustainable Ag Conference education project, explaining the methods we used to new livestock fencing techniques to farmers statewide and results of surveys showing which demonstration techniques best and the level of interest shown by participants.
Late August 2024	Hold field days at each of the 3 participating farms. Give participants pre- and post-test surveys about using cover crops.

Project coordinators: Jan Wiggins, Eliza Freeman, Edgar Holtzburger. Extension educator, Nadia Terrell. Expect 20 or more farmers at each field day for a total of 60 or more.

A table works well for the “Measuring Results” and “Outreach” sections.

You have several options for including a table. You can copy and paste a Word or Excel table into the answer box, or you can create a table in the application.

I’ll demonstrate how to create a table in your application in this question about “Outreach.”

First, click on “Edit” to open the answer box. Next, click on the table icon, and use the computer mouse to choose (highlight) the 3 columns by 3 row grid and left click the mouse. The table will appear in the answer box and you can fill in the information.

For more information on creating a table in the online application system, See: <https://projects.sare.org/inserting-tables-into-your-report/>.



**■ Solution and Objectives**

**Describe in detail how you plan to solve the problem using sustainable agriculture practices and list your objectives.**

**Solution** (500 words): If this is a research project, describe how the trial will be set up, the materials and methods you will use, and what sustainable agriculture practices you will try. If this is a demonstration and education project, explain the teaching methods and materials you will use and the sustainable practices that you will demonstrate.

**Objectives** (100 words): Objectives are the major things you plan to accomplish during the project by carrying out research activities or demonstration and education activities. Focus on what you can complete during the 23 months of the grant, even if major objectives will take longer than 23 months. Example objectives:

1. Evaluate the usefulness of 5 cover crops through field testing.
2. Identify 3 cover crops for potential use in intensive vegetable production.
3. Plant 3 cover crop demonstration plots on 3 separate vegetable farms to use during summer field days.
4. Share findings through field days, website and social media, conference presentation.

**\*Optional drawing or image.** You may upload or attach one drawing or image to help explain your project to reviewers. This could be a drawing or photo that shows the plot layout for a crop trial or demonstration, the design for a new piece of equipment you want to build, a sample page of a curriculum you are developing, or another aspect of your project. **(Limited to one page, single sided.)**

Label the upload or attachment so reviewers know what it is. Attachments can be in these formats: PDF, JPEG, GIF and PNG. **Note:** once you upload the optional attachment, you must save it to add it to your application.

**✖ Answer:**

Words: 0/600

Visual Text

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In some sections, you can add an attachment or insert images by clicking on the "Add Media" button. This allows you to upload attachments including pictures or diagrams to those sections.

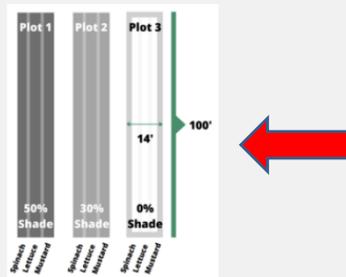
For the Solutions and Objectives” question, you might want to attach an “Optional drawing or image.” This could be a drawing of your research plot layout, a map or photo of your test area, or a sample page of a curriculum you are developing. For the “Solution and Objectives” question, the attachment is optional, but this addition can help reviewers understand your grant project better. Limit your optional attachment to one page, single sided.

The screenshot displays the 'Add media' interface. On the left, the 'Media Library' tab is active, showing a list of media items. A file named 'Plot-map.pdf' is selected, indicated by a blue checkmark and a blue border. A red arrow points from the 'Select Files' button to the 'Drop files to upload or Select Files' area. On the right, the 'Insert into post' dialog is open, showing the title 'Plot map', a caption 'Layout of the test plots for growing 3 different cover crops under herbs', and a description field. The 'File URL' is 'https://projects.sare.org/w...', and the 'Link To' is set to 'Media File'. The 'Size' is 'Medium - 232 x 300'. A red arrow points to the 'Insert into post' button.

To add an image or photo to a section that has an “Add Media” button, place your cursor in the text box where you want the item to appear. Click on “Add Media”, then click on “Select Files.” Open the file from your computer, add a caption, and click on “Insert into post” in the lower right-hand corner to add it to your application. You’ll see the uploaded file listed in your media library.

**Answer:**

Solution: 3 trial plantings will be set up to test the effect of shade cover on vegetable plantings. The beds will measure 14 x 100 feet and will be set up as shown.



Plot map of vegetable trial plantings

[Plot map](#)

Objectives.

1. Evaluate the effectiveness of 3 different shade cloths on 3 different vegetables through field testing.
2. Plant demonstration plots on 2 separate vegetable farms to use during summer field days.
3. Share findings through field days, website and social media, conference presentation.

[Edit Answer](#)

The image will be embedded as you see here (see red arrow). If the attachment is a PDF file, it will appear as a link (see blue arrow).

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a grant proposal editing interface. The left screenshot shows the 'Project Description' and 'Proposal Requirements' sections. The 'General Information' link is circled in red. The right screenshot shows the 'Proposal Overview' section with a red arrow pointing to the 'View Draft' button.

**Left Screenshot (projects.sare.org/proposals/1003466/edit/):**

- Project Description:** This project will explore how well... same time, we will experiment with... and explore business and consumer interest.
- Applicant:** [Stella Benjamin](#)
- Project Coordinator:** [Stella Benjamin](#)
- Proposal Requirements:** Provide the information requested in the sections below to submit your proposal.
- General Information** (circled in red)
- Grant Proposal**
- \* Livestock Care Plan**
- \* Letter of Support**
- \* Budget and justification**
- Submit-Proposal** button
- \* Proposal missing required answers**
- Delete Proposal** link

**Right Screenshot (sare.org/proposals/1003466/edit/):**

- Proposal Overview**
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- CHECKLIST OF ITEMS NEED TO SUBMIT A 2024 GRANT PRO**
- Proposal
  - Budget

Again, you have the choice of going on to the Next Section or returning to the Project Overview. If you return to the Project Overview, you'll see that you've successfully completed and saved all required information in the first two sections. They no longer have red asterisks.

You can view a draft of your proposal at any time by clicking on "View Draft". This will open a new window where you'll see the draft of what you've entered. This page also provides a link to the draft that you can share with collaborators.

Project Coordinator: [Stella Benjamin](#) [Change](#)

**Proposal Requirements:**  
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Once you have completed the Livestock Care form, click on **Save**. Then click on "Next application."

**Does this project involve livestock (vertebrate animals only)**

Vertebrate animals (those with a backbone or spinal column) include cows, sheep, and other animals with a backbone. Insects, such as bees, and other invertebrates are not considered livestock for this form.

If your project involves livestock, answer "Yes" and fill out the Livestock Care form. If your project does not involve livestock, answer "No" and do not fill out a Livestock Care form.

\* **Answer:**

Yes

No

[Save](#) [Cancel](#)

If your project **does not** involve livestock, open the Livestock Care Plan form and answer "No" to the first question which is: Does this project involve livestock? Click on "Save," then click on "Next Section" to go to the "Letter of Support" section.

If your project **does** involve livestock, answer all of the questions in the Livestock Care Plan form and click on "Save." Then move to the next section: "Letter of Support."

**Growing and Marketing a New Crop in the Midwest: Marsh mallow**

**Letter of Support**

Applicants **must** submit one letter of support. The letter(s) must be PDF files to your project so they can write a support letter. If you are a farmer, food processor or grocery manager, implementer, or other business partner, conservation district offices, the letter of support should include:

- Contact information of the supporter
- Description of your experience
- Explanation of why the project is important
- Information that will support the proposal. For example, if the supporter will help with the project, that information in the letter and provide specifics about how they will help.

**Note:** once you upload the PDF file of your letter, you must click on "Save" to add it to your application.

**Answer:** (Maximum of 2 allowed.)

Allowed file types: PDF

No file selected

Select file

**Answer:** (Maximum of 2 allowed.)

Allowed file types: PDF

Letter of support 1

Change file

Save Cancel

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In addition to completing the proposal, you must also upload a letter of support for the project to your application. Do this by Clicking on “Letter of Support” and using the “Add a file” button. Click on “Select file” to select a file from your computer. This section will only accept PDF files. Your letter must be saved as a PDF file to attach it. The process is the same one used for adding an Optional drawing or image.

Be sure to “Save” after you upload the letter. You will see the Letter of Support listed, but you must click on “Save” to add it to your application.

Do not add more than 2 letters since additional letters will not be reviewed.

When you are done, click on “Next section” to go to the final section: “Budget and Justification.”

## Budget and justification

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### Growing and Marketing a New Crop in the Midwest: Marsh mallow

**Instructions**  
 Read the Budget Instructions and Example Budget on pages 6 & 7 of the Call for Proposals before you complete your budget. See: <https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/farmer-rancher-grant/>  
 Here is an example of a budget entry.

Category	Description	Amount	Details/Justification
<b>Materials and supplies</b>	Cover crop seed for test plots that will be used for grazing	\$1980	Custom mix at \$3.30/pound spread at 30 lbs/acre over 20 acres = \$1980

**Budget and Justification**  
 Click on "Add a budget item" and fill in the Category, Description, Details/Justification (show your math), and the Amount you are requesting for each budget item. Click on "Save." Keeping adding budget items until your budget is completed. All budget items should be items or labor needed for your project.

✘ **Answer:**


[Add a budget item](#)

Read the Budget instructions in the Call for Proposals, then enter each item of your budget by clicking on “Add a Budget Item.”

Your budget items should match the materials and labor described in your grant proposal.

The image displays two screenshots of a web form titled "Answer:". The form includes fields for "Category", "Description", "Details/Justification", and "Amount". In the top screenshot, a red circle highlights the dropdown arrow in the "Category" field. In the bottom screenshot, a red arrow points to the dropdown menu that is open, showing a list of categories: "-- select category --", "Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants, or livestock (50%)", "Materials and supplies", "Other direct costs", "Personnel", and "Travel". The form also features "Save" and "Cancel" buttons, and navigation links for "Previous section", "Proposal Overview", "View Draft", and "Call for proposals".

Click on "Add a budget item" then click on the down arrow under "Budget Category" to open the drop-down menu of budget categories. Choose the category for the item you want to add.

**Budget and Justification**

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**✖ Answer:**

\*Category:

\*Description:

Details/Justification:

Amount:

**✔ Answer:**

**Budget Total: \$257**

	Description	Category	Amount
<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	27 potted Marsh mallow plants for trial	Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants, or livestock (50%)	\$257
27 plants at \$15.99 per plant = \$431.73 (3 extra ordered in case replacements are needed), plus shipping rounded to \$513. Perennial plants (50% of cost allowed) 50% of \$513 = \$256.50 rounded to \$257.			
<b>Providence Point Farm Total:</b>			<b>\$257</b>

This is what a saved Budget Item looks like

Choose the "Budget Category," then fill in the item "Description."

Under "Details/Justification," show how you calculated the cost for that item (show your math). Enter the "Amount" you want to include in the grant budget. Be sure to click on "Save" to save your work. You can keep adding budget items by clicking on "Add a Budget Item."

In this example, only 50% of the cost of the item (perennial plants) can be included in the budget. This is because only 50% of the cost of these items can be included in the grant budget:

Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds, perennial plants, and livestock.

<a href="#">Edit</a>	Ground cover for planting around trial blocks of marsh mallow	Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants livestock (50%)	\$77
9-packs of pint groundcover plants (4 plants: Dutch white clover, sweet woodruff, ajuga, bergenia ). Four 9-packs at \$32 each = \$128 plus shipping at \$25 = \$153 x 50% allowed for perennial plants = \$76.50 rounded to \$77.			
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Dehydrator for drying marsh mallow roots	Materials and supplies	\$564
1 commercial dehydrator, 10 shelves with glass door, Avantco brand, \$529 plus shipping cost of \$35 = \$564			
<a href="#">Edit</a>	BCS root digger attachment for tiller to harvest marsh mallow roots	Materials and supplies	\$239
1 root digger attachment at \$199 plus tax and shipping of \$40 = \$239			
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Use of commercial kitchen at Lincoln University for recipe development	Materials and supplies	\$1,000
20 sessions at \$50 per session (evening use rate)			
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Field day Local food lunch on the farm for 40 people, which includes programming before and after the meal and marshmallow samples	Other direct costs	\$680
40 lunches at \$17 per person = \$680			
<a href="#">Edit</a>	Project coordinator sets up trial, documents plant growth monthly and photographs, researches recipes for marshmallows, tests recipes, researches and creates sampling surveys for businesses and consumers.	Personnel	\$3,000
120 hours at \$25/hr = \$3000			
<a href="#">Edit</a>	2 Lincoln University students document pollinators that are attracted by marshmallow plants, weekly observations through the summer	Personnel	\$320
20 hours each at \$16/hr = \$320			
<b>NCR-SARE Total: \$6,137</b>			<b>\$6,137</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>« Previous section</span> <span><a href="#">Proposal Overview</a></span> <span><a href="#">View Draft</a></span> <span><a href="#">Call for proposals</a></span> </div>			

Here is part of a sample budget. Once you've entered all your items and clicked on "Save," scroll to the top or bottom of the webpage and click on "Proposal Overview."

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Edit description

**Submit Proposal**

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[Growing and marketing a new crop in the Midwest: Marsh mallow](#)

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

**Submit proposal**

CFP closes in 114 days

You've now completed all required sections and are ready to submit the proposal. It's a good idea to click on "View Draft" before you submit your proposal. Review your proposal. When you are satisfied with how you have answered all the questions, click on "Submit Proposal".

You will see a screen titled, "Submit Proposal." Click on "Submit proposal" again to confirm that you want to submit the proposal.

You will get an email from: "SARE Grant Management System <projects@sare.org>," confirming that your proposal was submitted.

## Growing and marketing a new crop in t mallow

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**Grant:** 2024 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant  
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**Description for search results if funded:** This project will explore how well Marsh m  
Midwest, with and without cover crops. At the same time, we will experiment with re  
originally made, using the Marsh mallow root, and explore business and consumer i  
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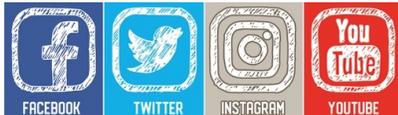
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The proposals will be reviewed by a team of North Central region Farmers and Ranchers between the date the application closed and the February 2024 Administrative Council meeting, when the funding decisions will be made.

Notifications will go out by mid to late February 2024.

Good luck with your proposal.

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