

Community Development

NCR-SARE encourages the involvement of farm and non-farm citizens in the process of discovery and learning that leads to achieving a more sustainable, environmentally benign agriculture. NCR-SARE has invested in hundreds of projects that support the sustainability and well-being of all aspects of agriculture and the communities associated with agriculture.

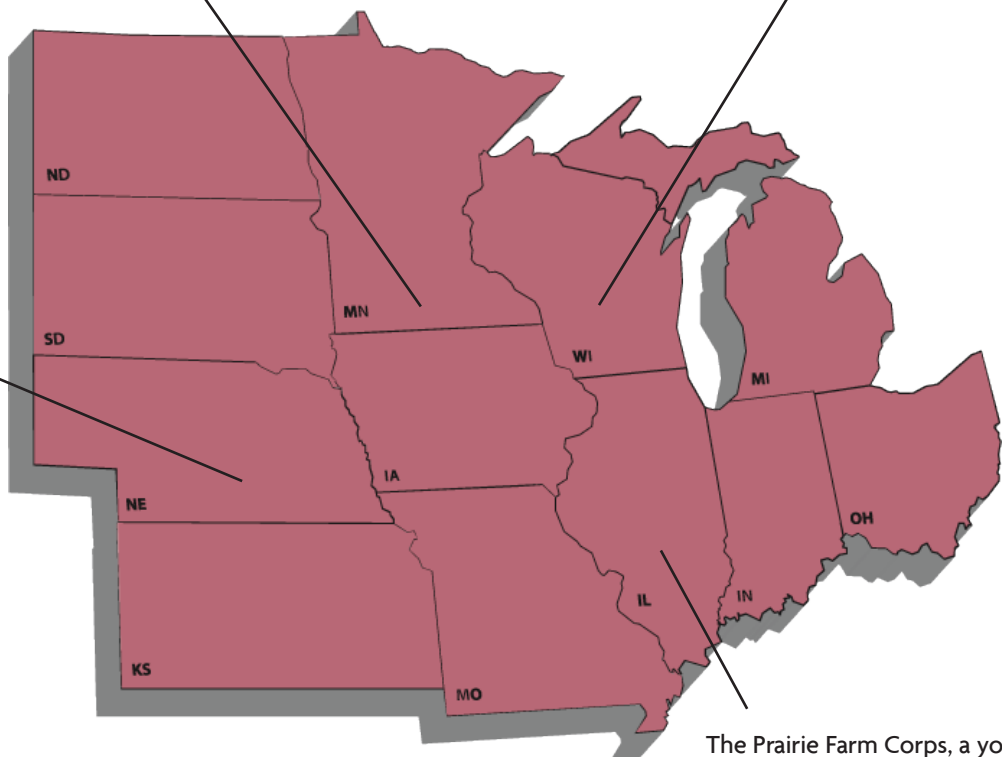
NCR-SARE Project Sampler

To view SARE's entire community development portfolio, or just the North Central region's, visit <https://projects.sare.org>. For selected NCR community development grants, see the reverse side.

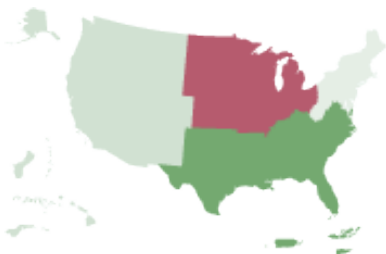
The University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships developed and delivered Spanish-language farm training with Latino immigrants. The objective was to make knowledge, skills, hands-on farming practices, and support available for aspiring farmers to successfully launch the production of natural, free-range poultry as part of an integrated, sustainable farming system. See <https://projects.sare.org> and search for project number LNC10-325.

"Growing for Tomorrow," was a culturally-based, food production educational project in Wisconsin. Local farmers and agricultural experts designed gardens to share information about traditional Mohican and modern organic methods. See <https://projects.sare.org> and search for project number ONC18-050.

The Center for Rural Affairs utilized a learning circle model to train and connect women beekeepers with aspiring women beekeepers and other producers. Participants learned about plant-pollinator interactions, farming/apiculture practices, network building, and building business connections. See <https://projects.sare.org> and search for project number LNC17-396.



The Prairie Farm Corps, a youth development program that offers paid job training on an organic farm for diverse teens, offered a internship opportunity to a sustainable agriculture student from Gateway Technical College to enhance their classroom education with practical farm experience. See <https://projects.sare.org> and search for project number YENC17-109.



SARE's four regional programs and outreach office work to advance – to the whole of American agriculture – innovations that improve profitability, stewardship and quality of life by investing in ground-breaking research and education.

— NCR SARE's Community Development Portfolio —

Selected Grants

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Honey Bees on the Farm: Connecting Women Beekeepers and Women Farmers for Environmental and Economic Benefit

Kathie Starkweather, Center for Rural Affairs, Nebraska, LNC17-396, \$200,000

Agripreneur Training Center

Kat Vann, Main Street Project, Minnesota, LNC10-325, \$166,900

Building Capacity for Local Foods Infrastructure Development

Kathryn Draeger, University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, Minnesota, LNC10-320, \$171,079

FARMER AND RANCHER GRANTS

Increasing Value-Added Product Sales Through Cottage Food Bakery Products Produced in Home Kitchen

Lisa Kivist, Inn Serendipity Farm, Wisconsin, FNC18-1130, \$22,333

Hoosier Young Farmer Coalition

Genesis McKernan-Allen, Hoosier Young Farmer Coalition, Indiana, FNC17-1089, \$6,244

Building a Virtual On-Line Food Hub for Small Scale Sustainable Farms in Rural Areas

Jacquelyn Zita, Women's Environmental Institute, Minnesota, FNC17-1107, \$15,000

Building Capacity through Collaboration and Eliminating Urban Food Deserts

Shakara Tyler, MSU Center for Regional Food Systems, Michigan, FNC14-951, \$22,500

Keeping Traditions Alive: Creating Food Security in Northwest Wisconsin's Tribal Communities

Amber Marlow, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, Wisconsin, FNC13-919, \$21,551

GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS

Needs Assessment for the Establishment of Food Hubs Using Geographical Information Systems

Kevin Duerfeldt, Iowa State University, Iowa, GNC12-156, \$9,900

PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Growing for Tomorrow

Kellie Zahn, Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Wisconsin, ONC18-050, \$29,655

High Tunnel Immigrant Farmer Training and Demonstration Plot

Nick Mabe, The Good Acre, Minnesota, ONC17-029, \$30,000

Collaborative Food Supply Chain for Iowa's Farmers

Jason Grimm, Iowa Valley RC&D, Iowa, ONC16-013, \$30,000

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

SFA Networking for Soil Health

Theresa Keaveny, Sustainable Farming Association, Minnesota, ENC17-158, \$75,000

Sharing Soil Health Knowledge and Practice through Grazing Networks

Jill Hapner, GrassWorks, Wisconsin, ENC15-148, \$74,363

Soil Health and Nutrient Management Training for Immigrant and Minority Farming Communities

Julie Grossman, University of Minnesota, Minnesota, ENC15-145, \$74,760

YOUTH EDUCATOR GRANTS

New City Farm Youth Gardening and Cooking Club Education Project

Alaina Dobkowski, New City Neighbors, Michigan, YENC17-111, \$2,000

Prairie Farm Corps Youth Development Program

Shannon McBride, Liberty Prairie Foundation, Illinois, YENC17-109, \$2,000

Community Giving Garden

April Hoy, Stratford Ecological Center, Ohio, YENC14-072, \$1,978

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For information on more SARE-funded community development projects search the SARE project database: <https://projects.sare.org>.



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