SARE CFP
Food Loss & Waste Training and Technical Assistance Grants Program

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Who is eligible to apply?

All US States

and territories:
Puerto Rico
U.S. Virgin Islands
Guam
American Samoa
Micronesia and
Northern Marianas Islands
entities whose goals and activities are centered on reducing Food Loss and Waste are invited to apply.

This can include, but is not limited to,
• tribal organizations,
• non-governmental organizations (NGOs),
• community organizations,
• gleaning and food recovery organizations,
• public food program service providers, and
• academic institutions – 1862, 1890, and 1994 land-grants,
• Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and other colleges/universities

Applications from organizations that address food insecurity in rural, tribal, and underserved communities are encouraged
What is SARE?

SARE is a grantmaking and education program authorized by the 1988 farm bill and supported with funding from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

For what purpose?

to advance agricultural innovation that promotes profitability, stewardship of the land, air and water, and quality of life for farmers, ranchers and their communities.

Primary grant programs include research and education grants, professional development grants and producer grants.
Find out more...

• Building soil health
• Ecology & economics of grazing
• Water challenges for the coming decades
• The social components of sustainable agriculture

• Integrated approaches for managing crop pests
• Pollinators, wildlife and biodiversity on farms
• Profiting with vegetable and fruit production
• Sustainable communities through local foods
This grant is different!

Collaborative design with USDA:
singular focus on Food Loss & Waste

Managed nationally, but incorporates regional needs,
regional review process

Focused on entire food supply chain: farm to fork
Food loss & waste is everywhere!

**Simplified Food Supply Chain**

- **Food loss**
  - Tractor
  - Warehouse
  - Delivery truck

- **Food waste**
  - Shopping cart
  - Restaurant
  - Home
What is the program goal?

The overarching goal is to create pathways to strengthen food rescue and get surplus food to feed those experiencing food and nutrition insecurity; reduce food loss and food waste, such as by gleaning surplus produce on the farm or finding new outlets for uneaten food to bolster supply chain resiliency or improve human and animal nutrition.
What is the program purpose?

The purpose of the project is to implement outreach, training and technical assistance efforts to build capacity for food loss and waste initiatives.
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DUE DATE: **June 28, 2024 at 5:00 Eastern time**

Application is submitted through SARE Grants Management System

Selected proposals will be announced in August 2024

Project start date: September 1, 2024

3 year project period
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Two important requirements:

1. Reducing FLW: quantitative reporting
2. Outreach, training, education

We’ll come back to this in a moment...
What kinds of projects?

Projects are to prioritize the first three, most preferred food recovery methods on the EPA Wasted Food Scale:

**Prevent Wasted Food** ~ reduces the volume of surplus food generated and encourages producing, buying, and serving only what is needed.

**Donate or Upcycle** ~ donation of extra food to food banks, soup kitchens, and shelters, or diverting previous waste streams to produce new products.

**Feed Animals** ~ diverting food surplus or scraps to animal food.
Wasted Food Scale
How to reduce the environmental impacts of wasted food

**DO**

- Prevent Wasted Food
  - Produce, buy, and serve only what is needed
- Donate
  - or
- Upcycle

**MAST PREFERRED**

- Feed Animals
  - or
- Leave Unharvested

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**AVOID**

- Send Down the Drain, Landfill, or Incinerate
  - with or without energy recovery
- Anaerobic Digestion
  - with disposal of digestate/biosolids
  - or
  - Apply to the Land
  
- Compost
  - or
- Anaerobic Digestion
  - with beneficial use of digestate/biosolids

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How much funding is available?

$8 million is being funded nationally

Funded proposals in each SARE region will total $2 million

2 - 4 projects per SARE region

expected grant size of $500,000 - $1,000,000

There is no match requirement
Some projects may have a national focus, this is ok
What is required?

Data collection & reporting
Ensures projects meet national goal of reducing FLW

Must collect/report data on: (Program Manager will provide support)
~ total amount of food loss or waste prevented/diverted in pounds by city and zip code
~ composition of food (meat, dairy, grains, produce, and other)
~ how this relates to the EPA’s wasted food scale - destination
What is required?

Data collection & reporting
Ensures projects meet national goal of reducing FLW

• Revising harvest, handling, storage, processing, and/or distribution to help reduce food loss and waste;
• Determination of food loss and waste generation baselines in operations through measurement or estimation;
• Strategies for reducing food loss and waste through adoption of more efficient farm production practices;
• Exploration of options for donation of edible food to or from retail establishments, food service entities, community organizations, schools, and households/consumers, and animal feed.
What is required?

Outreach, training, education
Ensures projects multiply their effects!

Must share: how you prevented/reduced FLW, successes/challenges
(Program Manager will provide support)

~ Training for stakeholders, classes, workshops, videos, guides
~ Regulatory assistance
~ Educational resources for food loss and waste reductions
~ New technologies for reducing food waste
~ Defining best practices associated with food system operations.

Build capacity in other organizations to reduce food loss & waste
What is required?

Outreach, training, education
Ensures projects multiply their effects!

~Experiential (Demonstrations, on-farm tours, field days, workshops, trainings, case studies)

~Integrative (Conferences, seminars, course curriculum)

~Reinforcement (Fact sheets, bulletins, books, manuals, videos, online technologies, guidebooks)

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Partnership and Subawards

Partnerships are allowed and encouraged, but not required.

Subawards are allowed ~ include a plan of work, budget, and detailed budget narrative.
Budget – Allowable costs

- Personnel labor of lead institution/organization
- Personnel labor of cooperating institutions/organizations
- Personnel labor of stakeholders involved in the project
- Fringe benefits
- Travel related to the project activities and/or outreach plan, federal per diem rate is $0.67 per mile
- Materials and supplies needed for the project, including software and technical equipment
- Costs of sampling, data analysis, and social science-related research such as focus groups, surveys, etc.

See the detailed **Food Loss and Waste Budget Checklist** at the end of the call for proposals!
Budget – Allowable costs

- Renting equipment needed for the project – during the project period only
- Expenses related to the project’s outreach plan;
- Food and refreshments at outreach events;
- Publication charges;
- Computer costs;
- Other direct costs, such as communications, honorariums, fee for services, and consultants
- Indirect costs – 10% limit

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Budget – unallowable costs

- Starting or expanding a farm, NGO, business or other community organization.
- General operating, expenses must be project-related
- Capital expenses. Items that have permanent use beyond the life of the project, generally
- Purchase of equipment
- Breakfasts
- Testing of commercial products
- Any costs incurred for producing grant-required project annual and final reports
- Participant incentives (payment must be related to work performed on the project)
- International travel
- Promotional items, giveaway items, such as t-shirts, bags, pens, pencils, etc.
- Tuition

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Help is available!

Developing your project

If you would like help developing a project or brainstorming what’s possible within the parameters of this opportunity, reach out!

Lisa Johnson, Program Manager
flw@sare.org
Help is available!

Once awards are announced

Grantees will receive continuing education and support with the National SARE Food Loss & Waste Program Manager:

• workshops, peer to peer interaction, one on one training, webinars
• Support with measuring food loss and waste according to required metrics
• Support with outreach/training development, curricula development

Third Sector New England is available to provide

• grantsmanship training
• project evaluation
• leadership development
The application process

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Apply for a Grant

How SARE Works

Competitive research grants are the primary tools of the SARE program. The overall objective of SARE is to position agricultural communities so the most sustainable approaches available permeate U.S. agriculture. The result is food, fiber and animal products are sustainably produced in healthy communities in an environment where farmers are respected, rewarded and encouraged to innovate.
SARE Food Loss and Waste Training and Technical Assistance Grants

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to implement outreach, training, and technical assistance efforts to build capacity for food loss and waste initiatives. The program supports projects that align with USDA activities aimed at reducing food loss and reducing food waste, getting surplus wholesome food to individuals, and developing linkages between food producers, providers, and food recovery organizations. Email flw@sare.org to register for the May 7th webinar.

Deadline: Jun 28, 2024 5:00 PM (Eastern Time)
LEARN MORE

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Community Foods Project (CFP)

Phase II: CFP Food Loss and Waste (FLW) Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Grants Program National Call for Proposals

Application Deadline: June 28, 2024 at 5 p.m. EST
Funding Range: Expected grant size $500,000, capped at $1 million per project
Project Timeline: Three (3) Years, Beginning September 1, 2024

Call for Proposals Application Link: SARE Grant Management System
For more information, contact: SARE Food Loss and Waste Program Manager Lisa Johnson at FLW@sare.org

Food Loss and Waste Grant release schedule
April 2024: Calls for Proposals Released

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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

Log In
SARE Grant Management System

Proposal Applicant Links

- Manage my grant proposals
- Start a new grant proposal
Regions currently accepting applications
Click on a region below to show the grants that are currently accepting proposals.

- **Northeast**
  CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, WV, DC

- **Southern**
  AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, PR, VI

- **Western**
  AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, AS, FM, GU, MP, PW, MH

- **National**

2024 Food Loss and Waste Training and Technical Assistance

[Call for proposals](#)

Closes: June 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm EDT

[Begin a new proposal](#)
Proposal Overview

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Status: Not submitted

Title: Missing 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

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

- Basic Information
- Body of Proposal
- Budget
- Project Outreach
- Evaluation
- Signature Page

Submit Proposal

* Proposal missing required answers

Delete Proposal
Statement of the Problem, Rationale and Significance

Begin the Statement of the Problem as: "The purpose of this project is to"....

Two thousand (2,000) word limit.

State the problem being addressed in your project, and the rationale and justification for the objectives. State the potential regional/national economic, environmental, and social impact of the anticipated project outcome.

Expand on the following points:

• Describe how the research or training need was determined, as well as the participatory methods of the training and technical assistance;
• Discuss a systems approach that includes environmental, societal and economic impacts to the community;
• Demonstrate that interdisciplinary efforts and existing partnerships across the food system can endure beyond the life of the project; and
• Ensure stakeholder involvement in planning, evaluation, and delivery of training.

Answer: Edit
You will receive an email confirmation!
The review process

3 step committee review

1 Regional Technical review
2 Regional Administrative Council review
3 National Food Loss & Waste team approval
FLW Grant Program outcomes:

- Increase community self-reliance to provide for their own food needs;
- Promote comprehensive responses to food access, farm, and nutrition issues;
- Identify strategies for reducing FLW by identifying value-added production opportunities;
- Meet specific state, local, or neighborhood food and agriculture needs for planning for long-term solutions;
- Create innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural stakeholders and consumers.
FLW Grant Program outcomes:

- How project activities impact low-income and historically underserved audiences;
- Data on food surpluses previously wasted that have been recovered/diverted;
- Potential food recovery methods that can be used to reduce food loss and waste;
- Regional priorities on food loss and waste initiatives and solutions;
- Identification of food loss and waste “hotspots” with solutions.
Questions.....