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<https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/farmer-rancher-grant/>



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What is SARE?



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



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Something New and Different

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

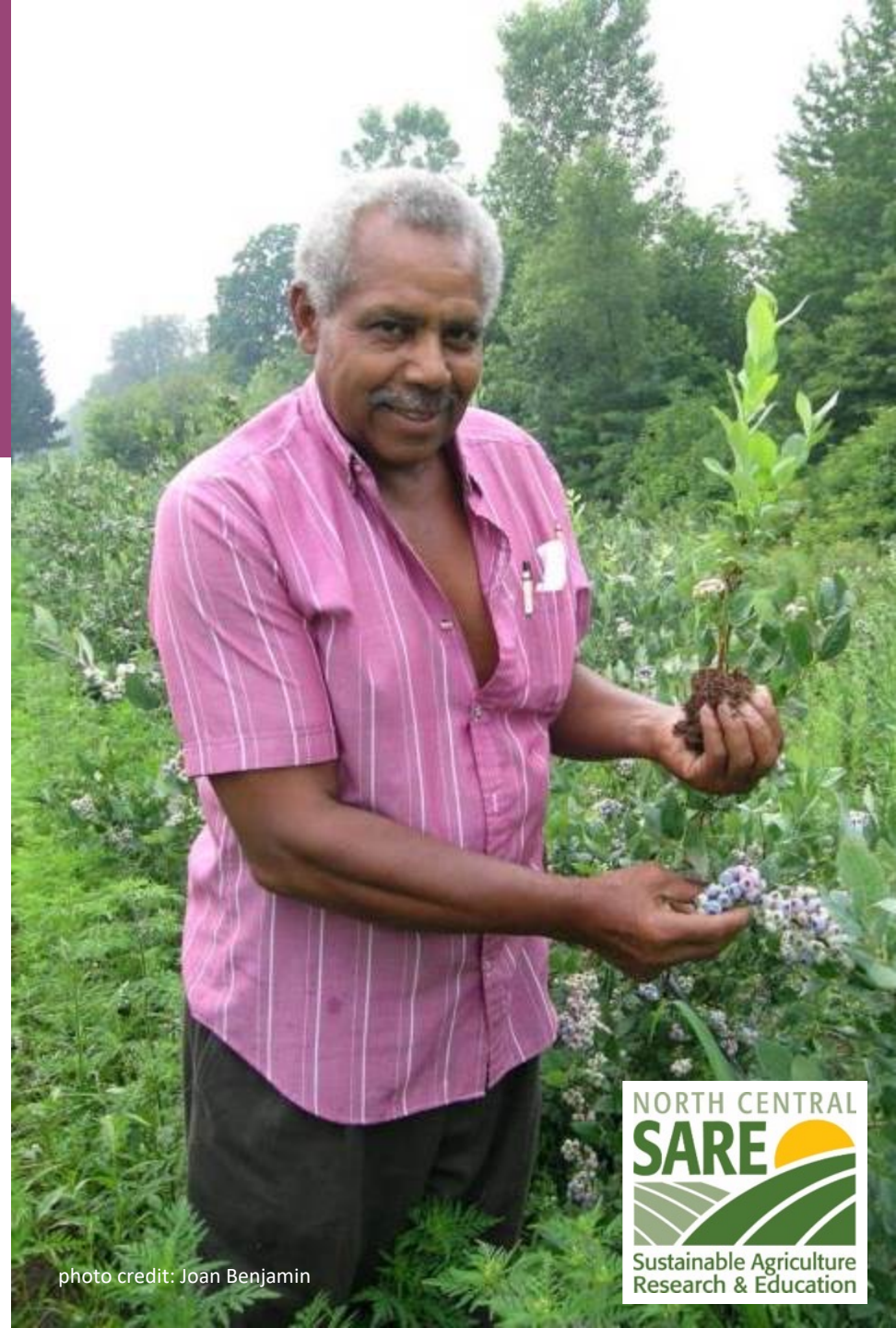


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The SARE Model

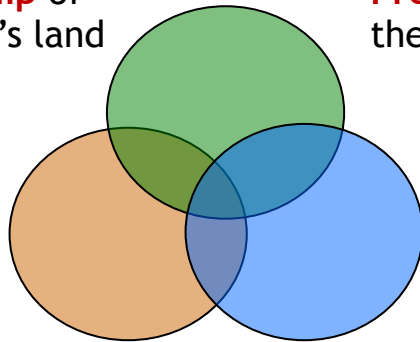
- Four regional councils set priorities and make grants
- SARE Outreach produces practical information
- USDA-NIFA supports SARE
- Other USDA agencies and land-grant universities are partners



The SARE Model

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

Stewardship of our nation's land and water



Profit over the long term

Quality of Life for farmers, ranchers, and their communities



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Stakeholder Involvement

Problem identified by
farmer/rancher and
researcher

Farmers/ranchers
involved in research
and outreach



Photo by Beth Nelson



The SARE Portfolio

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

...and much more



Photo by Troy Bishopp



Farmer Rancher Grant Program

- Grants directly fund farmers and ranchers to explore new production methods or marketing approaches for their farms or ranches
- Up to \$15,000 for an Individual farmer or rancher and up to \$30,000 for Teams (two or more farmers or ranchers)
- Encouraged to link with university or non-profit partners
- 40 projects funded per year
- Coordinated by Joan Benjamin



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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.

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.

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.

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

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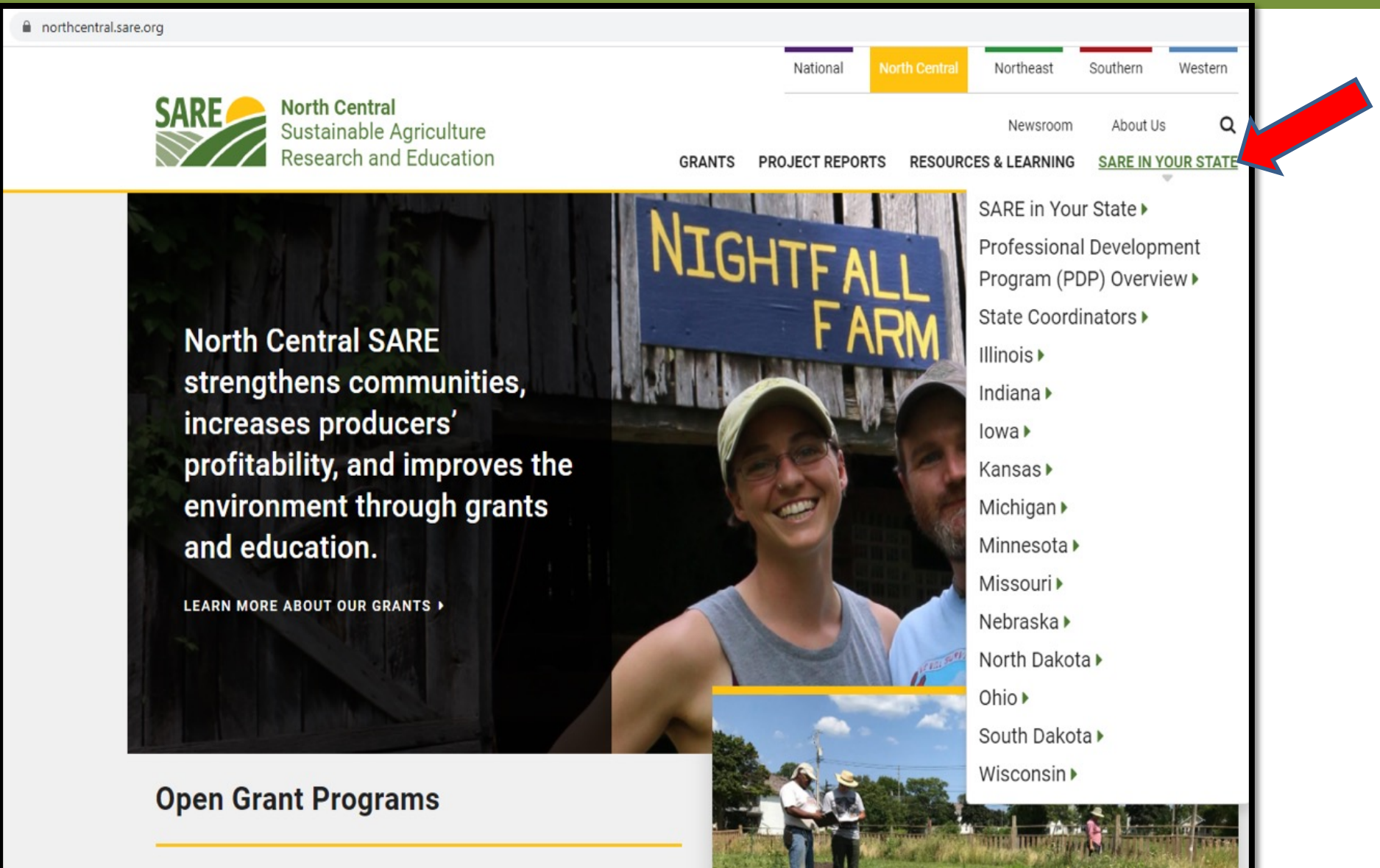
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North Central SARE strengthens communities, increases producers' profitability, and improves the environment through grants and education.

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More Grant Writing Help:

Grants Advising for Farmers and Agricultural Entrepreneurs in the Midwest

MICHAEL FIELDS
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[MFAI's Grant Advisory & Resources](#) program can help you apply to grants and cost-share programs of state or federal sources that could help you achieve your farming or ag-related business goals.

Michael Fields Grants Advising is a **free** service available to farmers, farmer organizations and institutions in the Upper Midwest region of the United States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

Contact MFAI Grants Advisor: Martin Bailkey at 608-698-9478 or martinbailkey@gmail.com.

For more information see:

<http://www.michaelfields.org/grant-advising-resources/>.



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Partnership Grant Program

Due October 21, 2021

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Youth Educator Grant Program

Due November 11, 2021

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Farmer Rancher Grant Program

Due December 2, 2021

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What is Sustainable Agriculture?

How do we produce and distribute food, fuel, and fiber sustainably? While every strategy varies, SARE embraces three broad goals: profit over the long term; stewardship of our nation's land, air, and water; and quality of life for farmers, ranchers, and their communities.

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Farmer Rancher Grant

About the Farmer Rancher Grant Program

Farmers and ranchers have a 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.

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).



Farmer Rancher grant proposals are due December 2, 2021.

[View the Call \(Word Doc\)](#)

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NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Sustainable Agriculture Grants 2022 Call for Proposals

Purpose: Farmer Rancher Grants provide opportunities for farmers/ranchers to use Sustainable Agriculture practices to solve problems on the farm or ranch, and to share their ideas, innovations, and results with others. 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/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 will open in August 2021. **Proposals must be received online or in the NCR-SARE office by mail or e-mail by 4:00 p.m. CST on December 2, 2021.** Faxed proposals will NOT be reviewed. If you are unable to use the online system e-mail: 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

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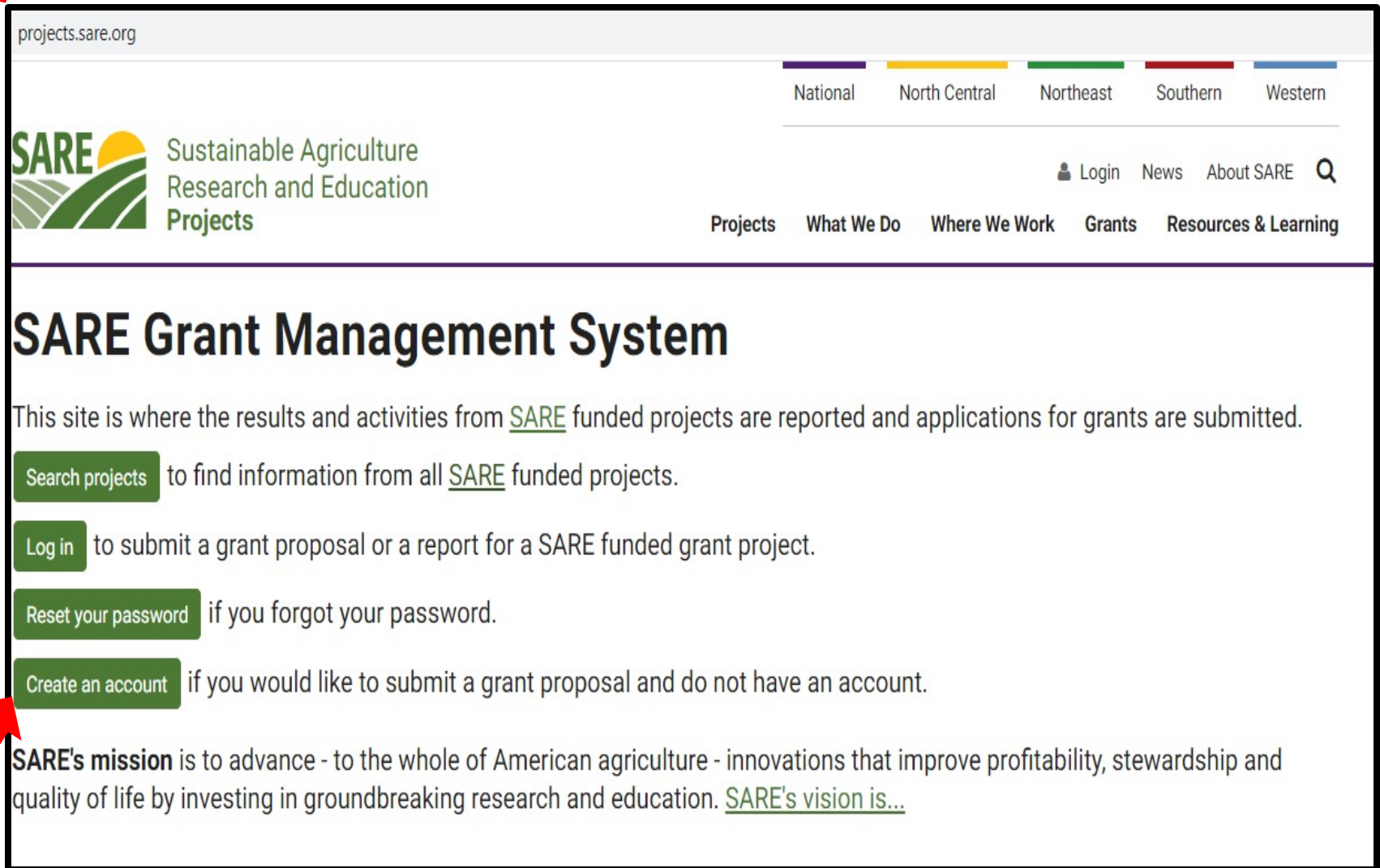
Checklist of Items Needed to Submit a 2022 Grant Proposal

- ☐ Proposal ☐ Budget ☐ Letter of support
- ☐ Confirmation of Commitment from Teams
- ☐ Letter from your financial institution (only if your project requires a loan)

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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.

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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...](#)

Applicant Registration

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

**Email***

Username*

Name prefix

First name*

Last name*

Name Suffix

Job Title*

Institution, organization or business name*

Institution, organization or business type*

Address Line 1*

Address Line 2

City*

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Zip*

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Joan Benjamin

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+ Southern

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

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2022 North Central Research and Education Grant – Pre-proposal

Closes: October 7th, 2021 at 4:00pm CDT

Begin a new proposal

2022 North Central Partnership Grant

Closes: October 21st, 2021 at 4:00pm CDT

Begin a new proposal

2022 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant

[Call for proposals](#)

Closes: December 2nd, 2021 at 4:00pm CST

You have [1 existing proposal](#) for this grant

Begin a new proposal

Make sure you
choose the
North Central
Region and the
correct grant
program. Then
click on **Begin a
new proposal.**

Click on
"Edit title"

« My Proposals

2022 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant

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No Project Title – 796618 *

Edit title

Missing Project Description *

Edit description

Then enter
your title in
the space
provided.

Click on
"Save"

projects.sare.org/proposals/manage/#/796618

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Project Title:

Use a clear, succinct title that captures the essence of the intent of the project. Avoid acronyms, jargon, or unnecessary words. Since search engines pick up on keywords in the title, it should briefly and appropriately describe the primary focus of the project.

Cancel

Save

Missing Project Description *

Edit description

Project Coordinator

Joan Benjamin

Change

Click on “Edit Description” to fill in the **Missing Proposal Description*** and enter a brief description of your project.

Note that for answers with character or word limits, the system tracks your character or word count.

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Adding Native Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials to a Farm to Support Pollinators and other Beneficial Insects – 796618 [Edit title](#)

Project Description:
Description to be used for search results if funded

Characters: 0/300

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Click on
“Save”

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[Edit description](#)

Project Coordinator

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Farmer Rancher Grants

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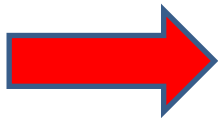
Purpose: Farmer Rancher Grants provide opportunities for farmers/ranchers to use Sustainable Agriculture practices to solve

* [General Information](#)

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Click on
“General
Information”
to answer
the
questions in
that section.



General Information

* State

List the state where project work is taking place.



Edit Answer

* County

Edit Answer

* 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. Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) should apply for Partnership Grants for projects working with farmers and ranchers. For details see: <https://northcentral.sare.org/Grants/Apply-for-a-Grant/Partnership-Grant/>

Edit Answer

* Type of Grant Project

Is this an Individual or Team Project?

Edit Answer

* State

List the state where project work is taking place.

- Select -

Cancel

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When a question is completed and saved, a green check mark appears.

You can change your answer by clicking on **Edit answer** and resaving.

✓ State

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Answer:

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✓ County

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Answer:

Yes

Edit Answer

For a “Team Grant”, you must complete contact information for each of your team members by clicking on “Edit Answer,” then “Add a cooperator.” Let your team members know that they will be sent an email to confirm their participation.

✓ Type of Grant Project

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

Answer:

Team (2 or more farmers/ranchers)

Edit Answer

Team Project Members

For **Team Grants**, list the other members of your team and fill in their contact information. Check "Farmer/Rancher" role.

When the proposal is submitted, each of the Team members will receive an email with a link for them to confirm their participation.

Edit Answer



Team Project Members

For **Team Grants**, list the other members of your team and fill in their contact information. Check "Farmer/Rancher" for their role.

When the proposal is submitted, each of the Team members will receive an email with a link for them to confirm their participation.

Cancel

Save

Add a cooperator

Cancel

Save



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.

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Cancel

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Roles

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☐ Farmer/Rancher

Name Prefix

Name Suffix

e.g. DVM or Jr.

✓ Practices

Choose Your Topic. Select one item from the list that best represents your project. It should show the **primary focus** of your project. This is for SARE use only and will not affect your proposal review.

Answer:

Education & Training

Edit Answer

✓ Commodities

Choose Your Topic. Select one item from the list that **best** represents your project. It should show the **primary focus** of your project. This is for SARE use only and will not affect your proposal review.

Answer:

Fruits

Edit Answer

Other Commodities



If your project addresses commodities not listed above, please indicate the commodities. Use for mushrooms, syrup, etc.

Edit Answer

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When you have completed this section, scroll to the bottom or top of the webpage and click on “Next Section” or “Proposal Overview.”

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Grant Proposal

Project Coordinator Information. Read through the Call for Proposals (CFP) before working on your application. The CFP contains directions and additional information 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 page 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.

✓ Project Abstract

200 words. This is a short summary of your grant proposal. Clearly describe the problem and your innovative plan to solve it using sustainable agriculture practices. Note that Sustainable Agriculture practices are:

1. **Ecologically Sound** (promote stewardship of our nation's land, air and water),
2. **Economically Viable** (provide profit over the long term); and
3. **Socially Responsible** (improve quality of life for farmers, ranchers and their communities).

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The problems we are facing are low yields in insect-pollinated crops and a lack of predator insects to control insect pests. In order to attract beneficial insects, we will

Complete the information for each question and “Save”. For text sections with word limits, the system tracks the words used.

A table works well in the Activities and Timeline section.

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. To create the table seen here, click on “Edit Answer,” then click on the table icon, choose table, and choose the 3 x 4 grid.

Activities and Timeline

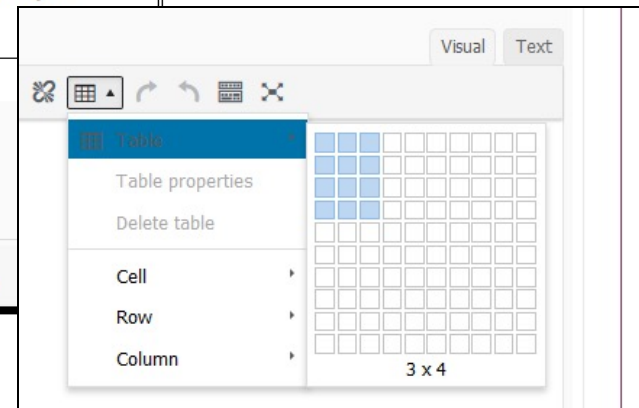
300 words or less. Provide a detailed description of the research or demonstration/education activities you will complete your project. Include who is leading and participating in the activities. Include a timeline that shows what you will accomplish by month. For research, briefly describe the types of field, livestock, or other trials involved and the location. For demonstration/education projects, briefly describe the demonstration and educational content. Provide details on the audience you plan to reach with educational programs, and how you will promote the programs. Include the Date, Activity, and Who Participates. See the example below. A table works well for answering this question. You can create a table by clicking on Edit Answer, then selecting the Table icon. Use your mouse to choose the number of rows and columns you want. Or, you can create a table in Word or another word processing program, save it as a PDF file, and attach it to your answer using the Add Media button. Be sure to click on Save after attaching the file.

DATE	PROJECT ACTIVITY	WHO PARTICIPATES
January 2022	Pre-project planning meeting to choose vegetable crop varieties and cover crops, plan trial layout and outreach efforts.	Project coordinators: Jan Wiggins, Eliza F. Edgar Holtzburger. Extension educator, Neighboring farmers with cover crop experience.
Mid-April – Mid-May 2022	Order seeds. Plant vegetables in test plots: snap beans, tomatoes, watermelon	Project coordinators: Jan Wiggins, Eliza F. Edgar Holtzburger. Extension educator, Neighboring farmers with cover crop experience.
May – August 2022	Plant 5 cover crops in trial plots to evaluate usefulness in vegetable plantings: Annual Ryegrass, Hairy Vetch, Buckwheat, Red Clover, Winter Rye. Evaluate weekly.	Edgar Holtzburger and daughter, Pauline Holtzburger.

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








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You can also upload a table as an attachment. It must be in pdf format (see next slide for uploading attachments.)









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DATE	PROJECT ACTIVITY	WHO PARTICIPATES
January 2023		

* Materials and methods

300 words or less. Outline the steps or process involved in carrying out the project and the logic behind the choices you made. For example, for research projects, describe the types of field, livestock, or other trials involved and the locations. For projects involving test plots, list the size of the plots, how they are laid out, what you are planting, and why you made those choices. For demonstration/education projects, explain the teaching methods you will use (e.g. hands-on planting and harvest days, workshops or seminars and what the content will be). Also describe the teaching materials you will use (e.g. specific books, curricula, films, social media etc.). Please be specific and consider what other farmers and ranchers might learn from your experience.

Optional drawing or image. You may upload or attach one optional drawing or image to help illustrate your plot layout 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.

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Words: 1/300

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You'll be taken to your "media page."

To upload from your computer, click on "Select Files, then "open" the file from your computer.

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Caption: There are 3 adjacent plots, each 14 ft by 100 ft. Plot 3 is the control

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The strawberry towers will be set up in rows as shown with landscape fabric covering the soil. |



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Budget and justification

Read the BUDGET TIPS and EXAMPLE BUDGET on pages 7-9 of the Call for Proposals before you complete your budget. Choose the budget categories that apply to your project from the dropdown menu. Choose from the following categories:

- **Personnel:** Use for farmer/rancher labor and hired labor. List everyone who is participating in your project except consultants and service providers who should be listed under *Other Direct Costs*. Include a realistic estimate of the amount of labor and the cost for each participant being paid with grant funds. If participants are not being paid with grant funds, include them but enter \$0 for the grant request.
- **Materials and Supplies:** Use for items you plan to purchase to carry out the project. Explain how they will be used to support the project.
- **Travel:** For travel costs, use a mileage rate of \$0.56
- **Other Direct Costs:** Use for consultants and service providers, communications, photocopying, conferences/meetings/workshops, speaker/trainer fees, fees for service/stipends, equipment rental, land-use charges
- **Equipment, Permanent fencing, Perennial seeds and plants, or Livestock:** Grant funds can only be used for up to 50% of the cost of these items. Include the total cost of the item in the Details/Justification column but enter 50% or less of the total cost in the Amount column.

Equipment definition: an item that costs \$5000 or more with a useful life of more than 1 year. If a project includes making or adapting equipment, all parts plus the labor for equipment construction are considered part of the equipment expenses.

Item/description: For each category list the items you want to purchase with grant funds along with a brief description of each item that explains why it is needed for the project. Example: *perennial seeds*, *permanent fence*, *perennial seeds and plants*.
UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES: Grant funds **cannot** be used for planning, construction, repair,

Use the **Details/Justification** column to show expressed as a per-unit cost times the number of miles @ \$.56/mile = \$49.84, rounded to \$50.

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Add a Budget Item



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

Follow the guidelines to enter each item of your budget.



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Add a Budget Item

Add Budget Item

Budget Category
- Select -

Item Description

Details / Justification

Amount

Cancel Save



Add Budget Item

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Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants, or livestock (50%)
Materials and supplies
Other direct costs
Personnel
Travel

Amount

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✓ Budget and Justification

Answer:

Category	Description	Amount
Personnel Edit Delete	Beth Nelson - plants cover crops, takes growth and yield measurements, takes soil tests	\$2,500
Total:		\$2,500

Description	Details / Justification
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Add a Budget Item

After you select the “Budget Category,” fill in the “Item Description.” Then, under “Details/Justification,” show how you came up with the amount for that item (show your math), and fill in the “Amount” you want the grant to cover for that item. When you click on “Save” the item appears as shown above.

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Travel	Edit Delete	Beth Nelson and Joan Benjamin travel to Sustainable Ag conference in Fairfield, Iowa to present results of grant project.	\$1,800
Materials and supplies	Edit Delete	Annual ryegrass cover crop seed	\$560
Materials and supplies	Edit Delete	Buckwheat cover crop seed	\$256
Materials and supplies	Edit Delete	Soil tests	\$989
Total:			\$6,105

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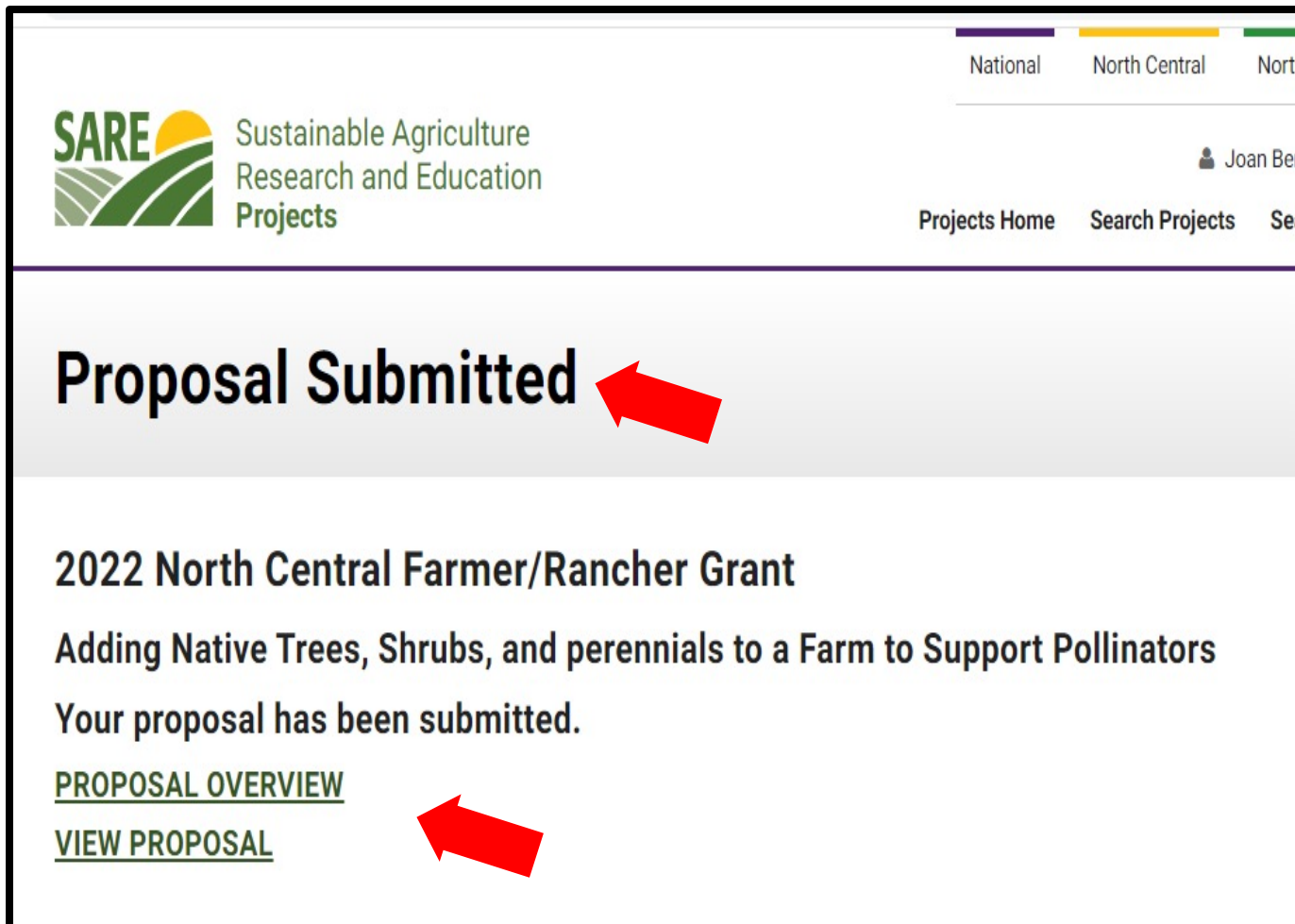
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You will land on this web page, confirming your submission. Note that you can “Unsubmit” and make corrections and then “Submit” again, but you must resubmit prior to the grant close date.

You will also receive an email confirming your submission.

To “Unsubmit,” click on PROPOSAL OVERVIEW. To review your proposal, click on VIEW PROPOSAL.



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