

# Applying for a 2023 NCR-SARE Partnership Grant

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agriculture since 1988*

This is a presentation about applying for a Partnership grant in the North Central SARE program. This presentation goes over material that is in the Call for Proposals, so it would be useful to have that in front of you as you're going through this presentation.

I'll begin with a quick overview of SARE and North Central SARE, emphasizing some of the SARE philosophy that will aid you in developing your proposals. Then I'll go over the sections of the Partnership grant proposal, and wind up with screenshots from the online proposal submission website

We are the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program, commonly referred to by our acronym, SARE. We are a part of the United States Department of Agriculture, funded through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture or NIFA program.

This program is intended to foster cooperation between agriculture professionals and small groups of farmers and ranchers to catalyze on-farm research, demonstration, and education activities related to sustainable agriculture. We anticipate that projects will be very similar to projects proposed through our Farmer-Rancher grants, but these projects will include an ag professional who is coordinating the collaboration, research and reporting.

# What is SARE?

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



We 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.



This slide highlights some of the main characteristics of the SARE program-- We are decentralized, in that each of the four regions make their own funding decisions, including which grant programs to offer.

We are science-based, meaning that we expect research proposed to be planned with sufficient scientific rigor—so that findings are replicable, and we invite you to look at our bulletin on “How to Conduct Scientific Research” for more information. But we are also a grassroots grants program. Our proposal review teams and our administrative council include people with knowledge and expertise that comes from farming and working with farmers. Our proposal review teams include farmers and ranchers, extension educators, researchers and personnel from state and federal agencies. That’s an important point to remember when you’re writing your preproposal—don’t assume that everyone reviewing your proposal is an expert in your field—avoid using jargon.

In all of our grant programs, we look for projects with strong farmer/rancher or end-user involvement, and most projects are applied research projects.



# The SARE Model


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

**Profit** over the long term

**Stewardship** of our nation's land and water

**Quality of Life** for farmers, ranchers and their communities

Photo by Ted Coonfield



Successful SARE grantees have projects that simultaneously address the 3 principals of sustainability—Quality of Life for farmers, ranchers and their communities, profit over the long term and Stewardship of our resources.

In your proposal, you should address how your project addresses each of these considerations, even if your project is focused more specifically on one of the aspects.

# Social Sustainability

<https://www.sare.org/resources/understanding-and-measuring-social-sustainability/>



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# The SARE Portfolio


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

...and much more

Photo by Troy Bishopp



We have funded projects on a wide range of topics.



## NCR-SARE Grant Types

- **Farmer/Rancher**
- **Research & Education**
- **Partnership**
- **Professional Development**
- **Graduate Student**
- **Youth Educator**

To connect to 12-state  
North Central Region, go  
to  
[www.northcentralsare.org](http://www.northcentralsare.org)

Photo by Carol Flaherty

We are decentralized in that each of the four regional administrative councils set priorities and make grant decisions. The North Central region includes 12 midwestern states--a highly productive, critical agricultural region. We offer the six grant programs listed above. Information on all of our grant programs can be found on our website [www.northcentralsare.org](http://www.northcentralsare.org) and you should look at all our grant programs to determine the one that might be the best fit for your project. The Partnership Grant program a newer program in the North Central region.

# SARE Outreach

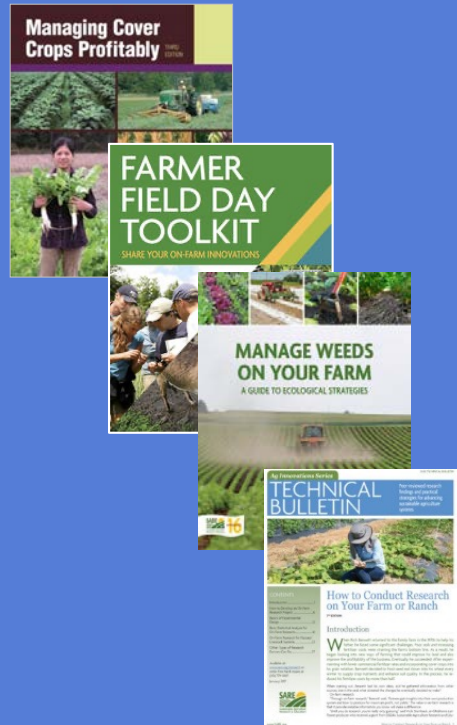
*a library* of practical,  
how-to books (in print or download for free)

*media outreach*

*a portfolio* of in-depth reports  
on current topics

*Topic rooms* for multimedia  
information

*countless* online resources,  
including project reports



We are a grants and education program, and SARE Outreach produces practical information like you see here, and you can find a wealth of information online, including informative bulletins on topics from Cover Crops to How to Conduct Research on Your Farm or Ranch. These are available to view online or download as pdfs.

## NCR-SARE Partnership Grants

**Grants for up to  
\$50,000 total for up to 2 yrs**

**Can be research,  
demonstration, education,  
or marketing**

**Involve a team of 3 or more  
farmers or ranchers**

**Led by an ag professional**

**Due ONLINE Thurs., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>  
by 4:00 CDT**



These are the program basics for the NCR SARE Partnership grant program. Partnership grants are for up to \$50,000, for up to 2 years. Grants can be for research, OR education, or demonstration projects, but all have must have an outreach component.

They should involve 3 or more farmers or ranchers, although as noted in the Call for Proposals, we recognize that there may be situations with specialty crops or livestock, or another developing area where you don't yet have three farmers established, so feel free to contact us to discuss that type of situation.

These projects will be led by an ag professional, and we anticipate funding 20 projects this year.

Your proposal must be submitted online by 4:00 p.m. CDT, on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.



## Examples of Ag Professionals

**Each project is to be led by an ag professional, such as:**

**Extension educators  
(specialist/agents)**

**Other university educators or  
researchers**

**Non-profit organization staff**

**Agency staff**

**Certified crop advisors**

**Other ag and natural resource  
consultants**



photo credit: Francis John Hay

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




## Partnership Grant

### About the Partnership Grant Program

The Partnership Grant program is intended to foster cooperation between agriculture professionals and small groups of farmers and ranchers to catalyze on-farm research, demonstration, and education activities related to sustainable agriculture.

Examples of appropriate projects include: developing a curriculum about food storage for farmers and processors, on-farm testing of cropping system strategies or grazing systems, cooperative efforts to develop new marketing approaches, or investigations into new approaches to processing and/or adding value to sustainably produced farm products.

- Partnership Grants are for on-farm research, demonstration, and/or educational projects funded for up to 24 months.
- Up to \$40,000 total funding request per application is allowed.
- An Agricultural Professional is the grant applicant and the project coordinator.
- Typically three or more farmers or ranchers are expected to be substantially involved in the project.
- Each farm/ranch must be an independent and separate/distinct operation.
- NCR-SARE uses an online grant application system for this program. More information is available in the call for proposals.




### Partnership Call for Proposals

There is no open call at this time.

[View Sample Call](#)

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Open Grant

[Click here to download Call for Proposals](#)

If you haven't yet, here is how to download the 2023 Call for Proposals. If you have any problems downloading the Call for proposals, please contact the NCR-SARE office and we can email you a copy, or send a print copy. Please note that we are in the process of changing website platforms in late summer/early fall, so what you see might look different from the current screen shot.

The Call lists all the sections you'll be required to address in the online grant proposal, and the word limits.

## Apply for a Grant

Are you interested in applying for an NCR-SARE grant? If so, and if you live in one of the following states, this information is for you. The North Central Region consists of [Illinois](#), [Indiana](#), [Iowa](#), [Kansas](#), [Michigan](#), [Minnesota](#), [Missouri](#), [Nebraska](#), [North Dakota](#), [Ohio](#), [South Dakota](#), and [Wisconsin](#).

If you're located elsewhere, follow these links for information on the [Western Region SARE](#), [Southern Region SARE](#), or [Northeast Region SARE](#).

### Writing a Grant Proposal

1. Determine which SARE grant program is right for you:

- the [Research and Education Grant Program](#) – a competitive grant program for researchers and educators
- the [Farmer Rancher Grant Program](#) – a competitive grants program for farmers and ranchers
- the [Graduate Student Grant Program](#) – a competitive grant program to fund graduate student projects
- the [Youth Educator Grant Program](#) – a competitive grant program for youth educators to encourage youth to try sustainable practices
- the [Professional Development Grant Program](#) – a competitive grant program



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You can get additional help for writing grants on the NCR-SARE website.


[Home](#) » [State Programs](#)

## State Programs

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

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

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




### Find your State Coordinator

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[State Coordinators](#)

Contact your SARE state coordinator




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

Go to : <https://projects.sare.org/search-projects/>

SARE funded sustainable agriculture research and education projects

[search tips](#) 

Sort by ☒ Year ☐ Title ☐ Project Number

Project Number

Project Title

Project Reports

Region

State

Project Type

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

Type in key words under “Project Reports” and you can choose the region, state, or the grant type



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You should also look at past grant projects to see how your work builds on those, and use that information in your preproposal.

## SARE Grant Management System

Project Reports: cover crops  
Region: North Central  
Project type: On Farm Research/Partnership  
From: 2017

52 projects found

Projects per page: 10 25 50 All

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Export

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### [ONC21-089 - Weed Suppression Strategies for Key Cultural Crops in the Yazidi Farming Community of the Midwest](#)

This project will partner with Yazidi farmers to test different low-cost weed suppression strategies over two seasons in two culturally-important crops, eggplants and pickling peppers.

### [ONC21-093 - Developing a guide for farmers or local machine shops to build an affordable roller-crimper by repurposing tillage equipment](#)

Ecdysis Foundation will partner with farmers to build a roller-crimper from salvaged tillage equipment, and produce open-access step-by-step plans and videos. Ecdysis will also study cover crop termination. This project will improve accessibility to roller-crimpers and inform cover crop termination.

### [ONC21-091 - Seed Rematriation Using a Participatory Conservation Model](#)

Seed Savers Exchange (SSE) and eight Native farmers (nine distinct sites) will select 30-60 Indigenous crop varieties from the SSE seed bank and grow, evaluate, and save seeds from these varieties to increase seed supplies for enhanced resilience and restore seeds to their communities of origin.



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Here is a partial list of the NCR Partnership projects that have dealt with cover crops. You can click on the title and be taken to the Project overview, or click on the annual or final reports.

# Guidelines

**Proposals due October 20<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 pm  
CDT**

**Involve 3 or more farmers, with each  
farmer representing an independent  
and separate or distinct operation**

**Online application**

**Funding can cover partial salary and  
benefits of ag professional, on-farm  
research expenses, education  
programming, travel, etc.**



Here are some of the main points to keep in mind as you begin to write your proposal.

# Proposal Sections

- **Summary**
- **Project objectives**
- **Relevance to sustainable ag and regional concerns**
- **Proposed activities, including outreach plan**
- **Role of ag professionals, farmers or ranchers**
- **Previous research on the topic**
- **Outcomes and impact**
- **Budget and budget justification**
- **Attach resumes, signature page, letters from participating farmers**
- **You will need to include an animal welfare statement (if applicable) but can wait until funded**

Photo courtesy NRC



These are the specific sections of the proposal that you'll be expected to complete in the online grant proposal application. If you input directly into the online system, be sure to save often.



## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do the farmers listed have to be known or can it be a targeted group of farmers in a region with specific number goals? A: In most cases, at least three participating farmers should be identified and provide letters verifying participation with the application. You can add additional farmers later.

Q: Can an agency apply for both the SARE partnership grant AND another one of the SARE grants, such as R&E (for different projects). A: Yes.

Q: Is there a preference for multi-state or multi-PI proposals? A: We recognize that most of these projects will be limited to a small geographic area due to the limited amount of funds per project. So most projects will likely just involve individuals in a single state. However, if a project crosses state lines, that type of collaboration would be great, it just won't help or hurt in the review process.



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We presented a webinar about the Partnership Grant program that went through the preceding slides and information, then addressed questions from participants. We transcribed the questions and answers on the next five slides. Following those slides we'll present information about applying through the new online system.

## FAQ(cont.)

- Q: Can we be awarded for both the Partnership grant and the R&E? A: Yes, obviously not for the same exact work, but for different aspects of a project. If you submit different aspects of a project into both programs, you should try to propose the work so that it can be done regardless of whether the related project is funded in the other grant program. Reviewers tend to be negative about funding a project that depends on receiving additional funding from another source.
- Q: Will you fund process ... leadership development projects? A: The Partnership grant program is intended to be more about on-farm research, demonstration, or education. There could potentially be a leadership component to a project, but a project focused solely on leadership development would probably not fare well. That might be a better fit with another grant program.
- Q: Is matching funding of any kind required? A: No, no matching funds required.
- Q: Would prior SARE funding for work that is related raise or lower an applicant in the priority considerations? A: It would not lower its competitiveness unless reviewers felt the work had already been accomplished. Reviewers like to see work that builds on previous work.



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## FAQ (cont.)

- Q: If the project can secure match, financial or labor, will that increase chances of award? A: We do not request matching fund information or give points for matching funds in the review process. It might influence an individual reviewer slightly if matching funds are available, but we don't focus on that at all in the review process. Do not include matching funds in your submitted budget, since it would then be a part of the contract and included in the accounting.
- Q: Would this be an appropriate project be for farmers to get better at on-farm data collection? A: Yes.
- Q: What are the key distinctions between the Partnership Grant, and the Farmer/Rancher Grant? Is it mainly the Ag Professional requirement? A: Yes.
- Q: What led to these grants? A: Provided a better opportunity for ag educators who work closely with multiple farmers to apply for smaller grants to try out an idea. Non-farmers or non-ranchers are not eligible to be the lead in the Farmer-Rancher grant program. It also allows a third party to handle the grant funds without the tax burden that a farmer-rancher grant recipient has. We have also found that more and more field/county extension educators and other types of educators are needing to get grants to support projects, and these types of smaller grants are well suited for those individuals who might not have the time or ability to compete for and manage a larger USDA grant project.



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## FAQ (cont.)

- Q: Is overhead allowed or not allowed? A: Up to 10 percent of total federal funds as Indirect Costs are allowed.
- Q: Can one org/professional submit more than one proposal? A: Yes.
- Q: Is it expected that the entire project should be completed within the time frame, or is it OK to be more of a feasibility study or pilot for a larger project later? A: The deliverables for the proposed project should be accomplished within the time frame—you might state in the narrative that pending the results, you expect longer term outcomes in projects that will follow.
- Q: Can any of the funding be used for animals? A: Yes, 50% of livestock can be covered. However, it must be clear how the purchase of livestock (or equipment) is really contributing to achieving the goals and deliverables on the project. This funding is not intended to simply help a small group of beginning farmers or others get into livestock production, for example.



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## FAQ (cont.)

- Q: Can funding cover honey bees? A: Can pay 100 percent for honey bees—not considered livestock in this instance.
- Q: Is a bee keeper considered to be a farmer? A: Yes.
- Q: If a nonprofit is a farm and education center, could it apply for both grants? The farm is a CSA - profitable but also does training of interns and area farmers. A: Yes, but you need to have involvement of three farmers/ranchers that have separate enterprises for Partnership grant. If the work is only being done on one farm, make it very clear how the other farmers are substantially involved in the project, such as helping with planning and delivering education programs or planting the research trials, etc. For Farmer-Rancher, as long as the person submitting the proposal is a farmer/rancher, they can apply.
- Q: Would monitoring equipment be allowed? A: Yes, as long as it falls within the budget limits.



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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.

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


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

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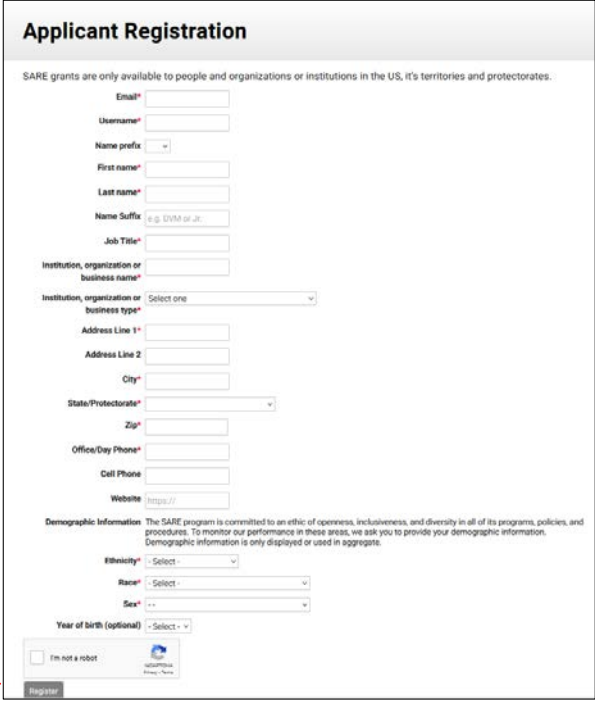
The next set of slides are screenshots from the online application system.

If you've never had a SARE grant before, you'll first need to create an account and complete your user profile. Go to [projects.sare.org](https://projects.sare.org/) and 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.



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The screenshot shows the 'Applicant Registration' form. It includes fields for Email, Username, Name prefix, First name, Last name, Name Suffix (e.g., DVM or Jr), Job Title, Institution, organization or business name, Institution, organization or business type (dropdown), Address Line 1, Address Line 2, City, State/Protectorate (dropdown), Zip, Office/Day Phone, Cell Phone, and Website (https://). Below these is the 'Demographic Information' section with dropdowns for Ethnicity, Race, Sex, and Year of birth (optional). At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'I'm not a robot' and a 'Register' button. A red arrow points from the North Central SARE logo to the Register button.

To register as a new applicant, complete the requested information—note that we ask for demographic information the first time you use the system. Your demographic information is only aggregated with other proposal demographic information. The people reviewing proposals or determining the proposals funded will not have access to your demographic information. When you've finished, click on register




## SARE Grant Management System

### Proposal Applicant Links

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

### Proposal Reviewer Links

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



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

Click on "Start a new grant proposal".

Make sure you choose the North Central Region and the correct grant program

**Apply For A Grant**

My proposals

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

☐ **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


**Apply For A Grant**

My proposals

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

**2023 North Central Partnership Grant**  
Closes: October 20th, 2022 at 4:00pm CDT

Begin a new proposal



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

Make sure you choose the correct grant program and the North Central Region. You will be completing the 2023 North Central Partnership Grant proposal application.

## 2023 North Central Partnership Grant

**No Project Title – 894067 \*** [Edit title](#)

Missing Project Description \*

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**Project Coordinator**

Erin Schneider

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**NORTH CENTRAL REGION SARE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

*Application deadline is 4:00 pm CDT Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>*

The Partnership Grant program funded by the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE) program is intended to foster cooperation between agriculture professionals



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Enter the title and brief project description (less than 160 characters). Then click on "cover"

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Grant Applications' interface. At the top, there are two buttons: '« Proposal Overview' and 'View Draft'. Below this is the 'Cover' section with three required fields, each marked with a red asterisk and an 'Edit Answer' button:

- \* Proposed Start Date**: Your project cannot start prior to April 1, 2023.
- \* Proposed End Date**: Your project duration cannot exceed 24 months.
- \* Total Funds Requested**

On the left side of the page, there are two instructional callouts with red arrows pointing to the interface:

- A box with the text 'To return to main page' has an arrow pointing to the '« Proposal Overview' button.
- A box with the text 'Click on edit answer, complete and click on SAVE. Completed questions are marked with a green check.' has two arrows pointing to the 'Edit Answer' buttons for the 'Proposed Start Date' and 'Proposed End Date' fields.

At the bottom left is the North Central SARE logo, and at the bottom center is the URL 'northcentral.sare.org'.

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

Manage Grant Applications

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Institution Information

This section asks for information about the organization that will administer the project budget if your proposal is funded. The institution will send invoices to NCR-SARE, receive funds from NCR-SARE, and disburse funds to any cooperating organizations. An authorized representative from this organization will review the budget and must sign the Application Sign-off Sheet (**download the pdf of the Application Sign-off sheet from the Signature page question in the "Other Attachments" section of the online application**). A pdf of the signed signature page will be uploaded as a required attachment to the application.


Institution DUNS number

Edit Answer

\* Institution Official Information

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

Edit Answer



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Click on Institution information and complete the requested information. Your Institution Official will be the person responsible for administering grants for your organization. You will be downloading a form that you complete this information as well, and getting a signature from the person named.

Click on "Proposal Overview" to return to main page.

If all required questions in a section are complete, the section will be marked with a green check.

Click on "Proposal"

## 2023 North Central Partnership Grant

**Behold, the Borers – 894067** [Edit title](#)

Through a mix of field observation and developing a screenplay, we propose to investigate the borers in Midwest orchards.

[Edit description](#)

**Project Coordinator**  
Erin Schneider  
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- ✓ [Institution Information](#)
- ✓ [Proposal](#)
- ✓ [Other Attachments](#)
- ✓ [Budget](#)

[Submit Proposal](#)

**NORTH CENTRAL REGION SARE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

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Once all required questions in a section are complete, the section will be marked with a green check.

Click on "Proposal" to enter information in the main body of the proposal.





You can  
view a  
draft of  
your  
proposal  
at any  
time.

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Behold, the Borers – 894067
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Project Coordinator

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Complete the budget by entering each item here

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**Partnership Grant funds may NOT be used for the following purposes:**

- Starting or expanding a farm or farm operation.
- Any single piece of equipment costing more than \$5,000. This limit **cannot** be used toward the purchase of a piece of equipment or the modification of equipment costing more than \$5,000 or to purchase or purchase parts for tractors, irrigation systems, etc. *Capital expenses for things like land purchases, general farm improvements, and construction of buildings, greenhouses, and laboratories are NOT allowed. Equipment expenditures (defined as single item purchase greater than \$5000) are rarely allowed, and you should check with NCR-SARE office before including it in your budget proposal. Capital expenses for things like cameras, computers, video equipment, and other items that could have a wide range of uses beyond the boundaries of the project must be clearly essential to a particular project, in which case applicants must develop a clear justification and make sure that these requests are reasonable, defensible, and not extravagant.*
- Permanent improvement to a farm or ranch, such as constructing or remodeling a building, permanent fencing, etc.
- Any meal that does not maintain the continuity of the meeting.
- Testing of specific commercial products.

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You will enter each item in the budget.

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**✓ Budget**

Remember to save after entering justification details.

**Answer:**

Maximum indirect costs allocated to this project: \_\_\_\_\_

Wages and salaries: \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_

Project leadership: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Add a Budget Item**

**Add Budget Item**

**Budget Category** - Select -

**Item Description**

**Details / Justification**

**Amount**

**Cancel Save**

**Complete information for first item, then click “save” to save that budget item— Then add another budget item.**

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Select the major budget category from the drop down list, provide a brief item description, provide a more detailed budget justification for how you arrived at that number, as described in the instructions, and the total amount. Save each budget item as you enter it, then enter the next budget item.

Once you've entered your direct costs, you can use the total direct cost to add the indirect costs.  
 $\$24,640 \times .10 = \$2464.$

#### Answer:

Maximum indirect costs allowed: \$2,464 (10.00%)

Category	Description	Amount
Fee for services <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>	compensation for farmers hosting field days	\$800
Materials and supplies <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>	seeds	\$900
Personnel - Salaries/Wages <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>	undergrad student help	\$2,600
Travel <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>	travel to/from research plots and for field days	\$840
Personnel - Salaries/Wages <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>	ag professional time	\$15,000
Personnel - Fringe Benefits <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>	fringe ag professional	\$4,500
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$24,640</b>

Description	Details / Justification
compensation for farmers hosting field days	4 field days x \$200 per day (8 hr@\$25/hr)
seeds	1000 # cover crop seeds @ \$90/100 pounds.
undergrad student help	undergrad students scouting and sampling, 20h/week for 10 weeks at \$13/hr,
travel to/from research plots and for field days	15 trips x 100miles RT x \$.56/mile = \$840
ag professional time	0.2 FTE ag professional
fringe ag professional	.3 fringe percentage

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You'll see a table with the simple item description and the amount, and a separate table below that provides the more detailed justification.

When you've added in all your direct costs, use the total to calculate indirect costs. Multiply the direct cost total by .10 to get the maximum amount of indirect costs that can be charged to the grant. In this example, that will be \$2464.

Add \$2464 as a budget item as "Indirect Costs"—10 percent of total Direct Costs.

Allowed: \$2,464 (10.00%)

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Add Budget Item

Budget Category: Indirect costs

Item Description: 10% IDC

Details / Justification: .1 x \$24,640 = \$2464

Amount: 2464

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Add \$2464 as a budget item, identified as Indirect Costs from the drop down menu.

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Indirect costs <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>	10% IDC	\$2,464
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$27,104</b>

Description	Details / Justification
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This is how your budget question will look.


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## Behold, the Borers – 894067 [Edit title](#)

Through a mix of field observation and developing a screenplay, we propose to investigate the us  
borers in Midwest orchards.

[Edit description](#)

### Project Coordinator

Erin Schneider

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Go to the “other attachments” section.





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### ✓ Agricultural Professional's Resume(s)

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

**Answer:**


- [ESchneider Agriculture Resume \(PDF\)](#) 

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### ✓ Farmer/Rancher Letters Verifying Participation

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

**Answer:**


- [Wormfarm letter of support \(PDF\)](#) 

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### ✓ Signature Page

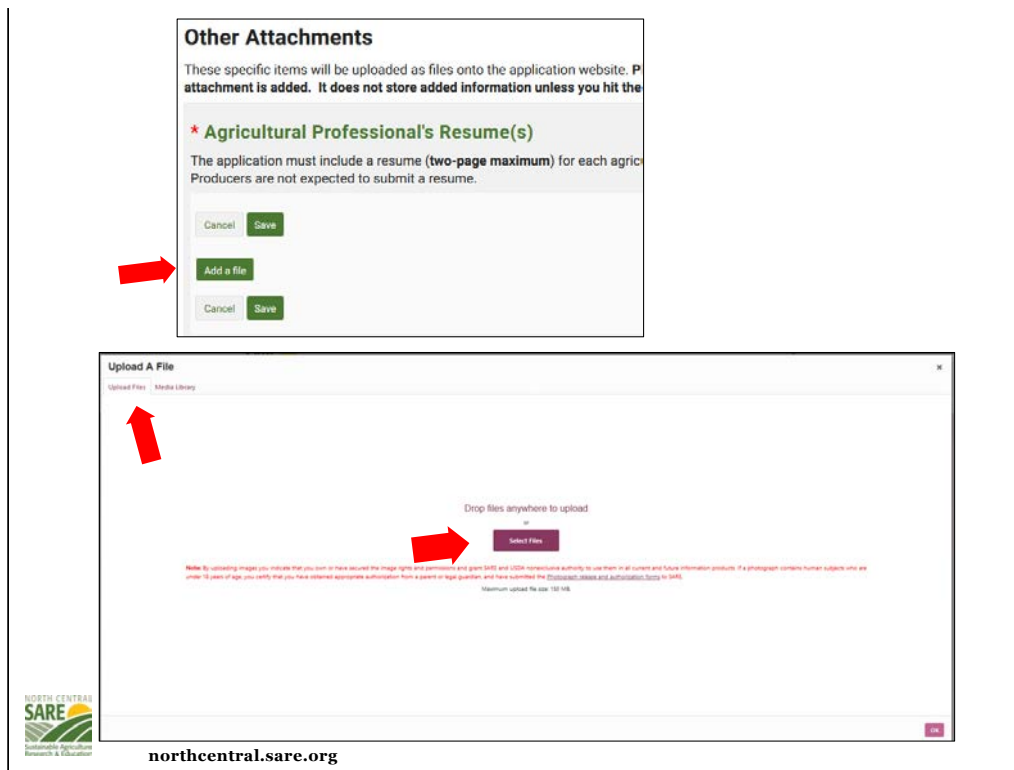
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**Answer:**

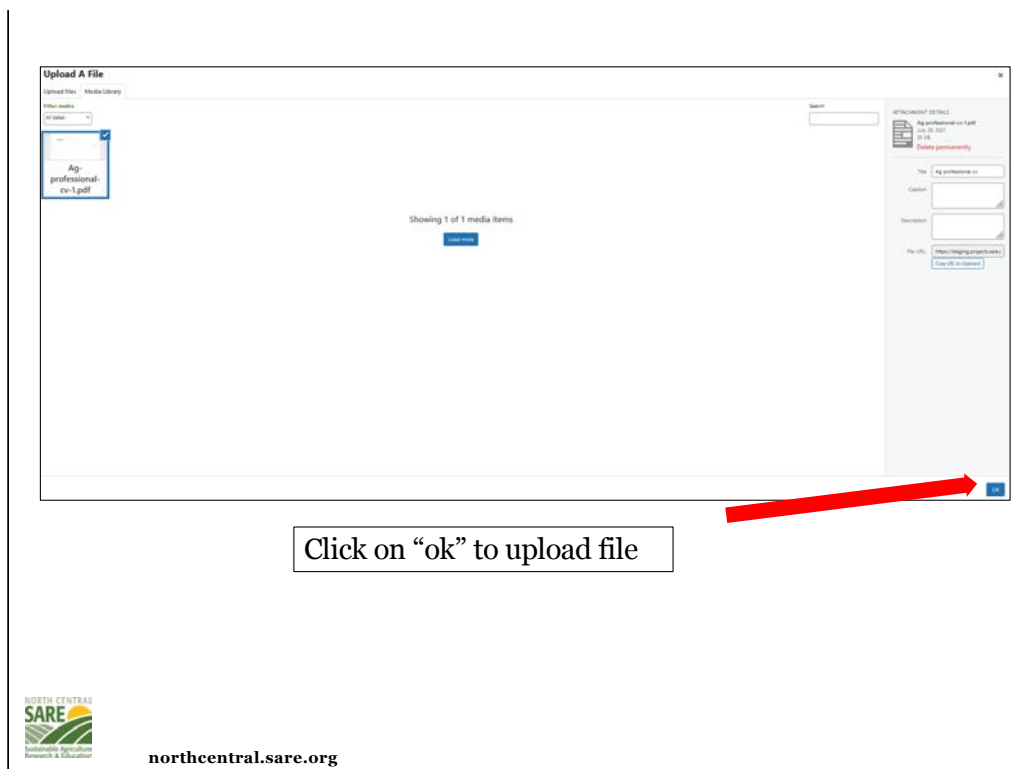
- [DALC-Schneider - Writing with the Driftless MOA signed \(PDF\)](#) 

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Click on the appropriate sections to upload Ag professional resumes and Farmer/Rancher letters verifying participation.



Click on “add a file”, then click on “add file” again on the next screen to upload from your computer, and click on “select files” (drag and drop from media library if you have images loaded there.)



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Current file: Ag professional cv (PDF) 

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- [Ag professional cv \(PDF\)](#)

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Answer:

- [Farmer 3 LVP \(PDF\)](#)
- [Farmer 2 LVP \(PDF\)](#)
- [Farmer 1 LVP \(PDF\)](#)



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In this shot, you'll see I've uploaded 1 cv for an ag professionals, and 3 farmer letters verifying participation.

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Next—print off the Application Signoff Sheet pdf, which is linked in the signature page question.

**Signoff Sheet:**  
 Print, sign, and submit to your institution's grant office to complete and sign. You will upload pdf of pages with all signatures in the signature question of the "other attachments" section.



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Your signature is required below. Your institutional grants office should complete and sign the bottom part of this page.	
Applicant's signature _____	Date _____
Institution Name: _____	
Institution Address: _____	
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Email Address: _____	
<small>INSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL: The grants or sponsored programs office hereby certifies that we have read this proposal and have the capacity to manage grant funds on behalf of the faculty member named above should the proposal be funded. We further understand that SARE funds cannot be used except as outlined in the proposal.</small>	
Signature of authorized official _____	Date _____
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Complete the institution information (or have your authorized organizational representative complete) and submit with the draft of your proposal to your grants office or person who is authorized to sign for your organization. Ask them to provide a pdf of the signed page, and you will then upload that to your proposal prior to submission. This signed form must be submitted by the closing date, so allow extra time for your organization to review your proposal and sign off. Some grant offices require a week or more to complete this.

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Grant Type: On Farm Research/Partnership

Region: North Central

Application Year: 2023

Status: Not submitted

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Project Coordinator:

[Erin Schneider](#)  
 Organic Farmer, Writer, Farmer Florist, Co-owner  
 Hilltop Community Farm LLC  
[eschneider.hilltopfarm@gmail.com](mailto:eschneider.hilltopfarm@gmail.com)  
 431 N. Baldwin Street  
 Madison, WI 53703  
 Office/Day phone: (608) 257-6729

Applicant: [Erin Schneider](#)

**Description for search results if funded:** Through a mix of field observation and developing a screenplay, we propose to investigate the use of neem oil to treat apple borers in Midwest orchards.


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Proposed Start Date

April 3, 2023

Proposed End Date

August 1, 2024



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### Project Coordinator

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- Partnership Grants are for on-farm research, demonstration and/or educational projects and are funded for up to 24 months.
- Up to \$50,000 total funding request per application is allowed. A total of \$1,000,000 is available to fund 20 projects this year.

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### Submit Proposal

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

If you unsubmit your proposal for any reason, it must be re-submitted before the proposal close date (October 20, 2022 at 5:00pm EDT) to be considered.

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### Proposal Submitted

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Your proposal has been submitted.

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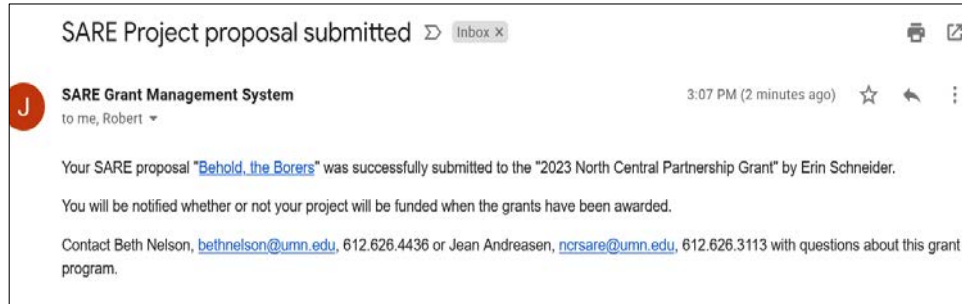
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# Timeline

## 2023 Partnership Program

<b>Oct. 20, 2022</b>	<b>Proposals due online by 4:00 pm CDT</b>
<b>Early Feb. 2023</b>	<b>Applicants notified</b>
<b>April 1, 2023</b>	<b>Funds available to applicants</b>
<b>March 1, 2024</b>	<b>2022 Annual report due</b>
<b>Project end date</b>	<b>Final report due 60 days after project end date</b>



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This is the timeline for the 2023 Partnership grant program. Your proposal, including the signed authorization, must be submitted online by Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. CDT. They'll be reviewed and a recommendation made to the NCR-SARE Administrative Council in January, and all applicants will be notified whether or not they are awarded in February. We anticipate that funds will be available for you to begin your project April 1, 2023.

## Contact for more information

**Beth Nelson**, phone 612.626.4436  
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**Rob Myers**, phone 573.882.1547  
email [myersrob@missouri.edu](mailto:myersrob@missouri.edu)

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