



Farmer Rancher Grant Webinar

October 2026

Hello and welcome! My name is Liz Brownlee. I'm a farmer in southern Indiana, and the Farmer Rancher Grant Coordinator.

Welcome to this webinar about how to apply for SARE's Farmer Rancher Grant Program.

I'm joined by my colleagues...(intros)

This PowerPoint is available on the NCRSARE website at:
<https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/farmer-rancher-grant/>

Today, We'll Cover:

- What's SARE?
- Farmer Rancher Grant
 - What SARE grant funds can pay for
 - Why sharing with other farmers/ranchers is key
 - How to write a proposal
 - Where to find help
 - Q & A
- Bonus: Step-by-step instructions for using the SARE online grant system

Throughout, I'll share tips grant writing tips in these green boxes. We know this might be your first grant.



We'll pause for questions twice during this webinar, so please add them to the Q and A or chat.

Farmer Rancher Grant

Purpose: This grant helps farmers and ranchers explore innovative ideas and share what they are learning with their peers.

Funding: Up to \$15,000 or \$30,000

Deadline: Dec 3rd, 2026 at Noon Central

Who's Eligible: Farmers or Ranchers in the "North Central Region"

These grants are not meant to fund start-up costs.

We define farmers and ranchers as "someone who raises crops or livestock, especially as a business."

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Let's make sure you're in the right place.

Note:

A farmer/rancher is someone who raises crops or livestock, especially as a business.

These grants are not meant to fund farm start-up costs, land purchase, or simply implementing best practices. We hope you will reach out to other parts of the USDA, like the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Farm Service Agency. If you're not sure who to reach out to, contact me: brow7263@umn.edu.

All About SARE and Our Grants



What is SARE?

Sustainable
Agriculture
Research &
Education



SARE stands for....

What is SARE?

Our mission is to advance sustainable innovations to the whole of American agriculture.



The program is run by four regions—North Central, Northeast, South, and West, each guided by a volunteer Administrative Council that makes grants and sets regional priorities. SARE is a decentralized, grassroots grant program which means that each of the four regions makes its own funding decisions, including what type of grant programs to offer in their respective region.

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

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

SARE Outreach

- **A Library** of practical, "how-to" books (*in print or free download*)
- **Media Outreach** engaging communities and sharing stories
- **A Portfolio** of in-depth reports addressing current topics
- **Topic Rooms** organizing curated multimedia information
- **Online Resources** reports



If there's already a SARE bulletin or book covering how to do something, it's considered a best practice and implementing it, alone, is probably not a fundable idea.

The SARE Grant Model

Successful SARE grantees are engaged in projects that focus on the three legs of Sustainable Agriculture:

- Ecologically sound,
- Economically viable, and
- Focused on farmer-rancher and community wellbeing.

Photo credit Scarlet Salamone, SARE Project FNC22-1350



The SARE Portfolio

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



NCR-SARE has awarded **more than \$100 million worth of competitive grants** to help advance farming systems that are economically viable, environmentally sound, and focused on farmer-rancher and community wellbeing through a nationwide research and education grants program.

NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grants: Big Picture





SARE grants help farmers and ranchers gain the knowledge they need to fundamentally improve their farm ...and then share that knowledge.

What do SARE Farmer Rancher Grants Fund?

Two types of projects on the farm/ranch:

- Research
- Demonstration or Education



What do SARE Farmer Rancher Grants Fund?

Projects might:

- Test, evaluate, or adapt innovative practices for their operations;
- conduct learning circles, educational events, field days or demonstrations to share innovative practices
- develop new technologies; or create or modify equipment.
- and more

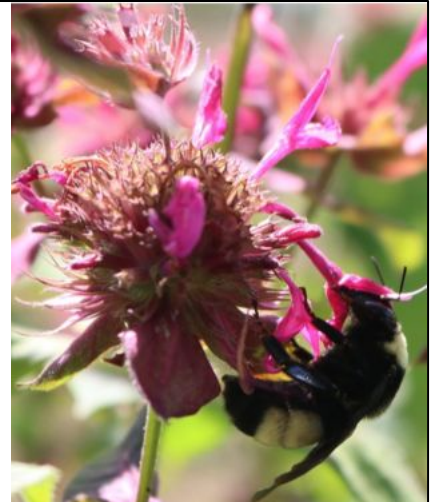


The grants help reduce the risk of trying out new ideas

The Focus on “Innovation”

SARE is under the research arm of the USDA. We do not fund implementation of best practices.

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.



A completely new idea, or and idea that’s been proven in other settings but is innovative for the applicant’s reality.

If there’s already consensus about how to do something, it’s probably not a fundable idea.

Example: Research

FNC21-1307 - Kansas Hemp Variety Trial

Project Goal:

- Compare yields and processing compatibility of three seed varieties for fiber.

Lessons Learned:

- Planting dates are more important than genetics.
- Manual weed control is necessary as farmers away pesticide and herbicide approval in KS

SARE Project FNC21-1307.

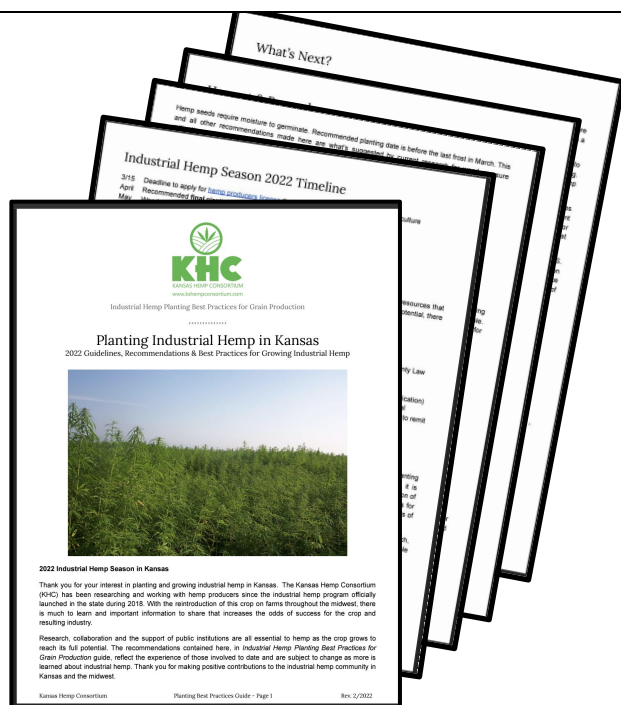
Photo by Kansas Hemp Consortium



Example: Research

Outreach:

- 3rd Annual KS Hemp Conference
- Local TV News feature
- Guest blog post
- Lunch and Learn presentation
- Spreadsheet with all data
- Field Day
- Fact Sheet



- Important outcomes of this research include a growing network of hemp producers and ancillary business owner interest. Educational events and knowledge centers play a crucial role in building the momentum needed for industrial hemp to become a traditional commodity. Convincing the general public that plants grown for cannabinoid production are wholly different than grain and fiber varieties requires ongoing information campaigns that enlighten and engage.

Example: Demonstration

FNC22-1329: Promoting Farm Sustainability with Intercropping

Goal: Show that planting long-term “risky” crops is viable when interplanted with shorter-term, low-risk crops

- Long-term: Walnuts
- Medium-term: Peaches
- Short-term: Sheep and Hay

SARE Project FNC22-1329. Photos by Abby Johnson.



Summary:

We established a novel intercropping of English walnut, peaches, and livestock and demonstrate this sustainable whole-farm system through NRC-SARE Farmer Rancher Grant. Scale was **On 1.25 A of existing pasture. Planted 40 walnuts and 59 peaches.** Integration of diverse, short-term, long-term, high risk, and low risk farm revenue streams is critical for economic viability, environmental stability, and community diversity. However, the transition from monoculture agro-systems to diverse systems is rarely intuitive or initially profitable. Intercropping is a means to diversify but requires compatibility of crops. Many farmers desire to diversify and increase revenue by establishing walnut orchards (English or Black), but decades are required for return on investment and comes with the cost of not producing another crop. Intercropping walnut with other commodities would bridge the financial gulf and provide diversity, but walnut produce a toxic chemical (juglone) which limits traditional intercropping options. Peach offers an attractive option to intercrop between walnuts because they are tolerant of juglone, produce fruit within 2 years, and typically die back by year 15. This scenario also offers an opportunity to establish a forage crop (clover, tolerant of juglone) between the rows of trees. Sheep, given their small size, can graze rotationally on the forage and serve as another revenue source, while controlling weeds and enhancing the soil.

Example: Demonstration



Outcomes:

- Intercropping peaches, English walnuts, and forage is relatively easy and efficient.
- Orchard design was easy to use with grazing and haying
- ...and a HUGE amount of sharing and farmer learning...

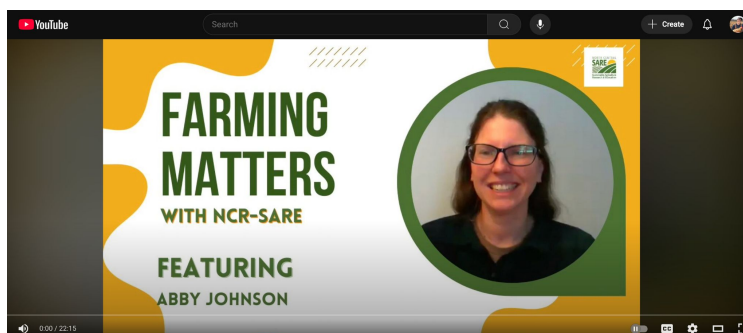
Outcomes:

- Intercropping peaches, English walnuts, and forage is relatively easy and efficient.
- Orchard design was easy to use with grazing and haying
- English walnut and peaches grow very well on their soils.
- Secured market for peaches
- Planning to expand this trial onto more acres.

Example: Demonstration

Outreach: Reached 600+ people

- Hosted field day
- Presented at Midwest Chestnut Producers Council
- Interviewed on United Chestnuts podcast
- Interviewed on NCR-SARE's "Farming Matters"
- etc.



Check out our “Farming Matters” YouTube series to hear from recent grantees. It might inspire your plans!

Since this project focuses on helping other farmers consider new solutions to balancing risk and finances, outreach was a major component of their project. So far, the demonstration has reached 600 folks via podcasts, a field day, interviews, and more.

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Farmer Rancher Grants: Details



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

**2027 Call for Proposals
Farmer Rancher Grant Program**

Grant Highlights

Deadline	Thursday, December 3rd, 2026, at Noon Central Time
Who's eligible	Farmers and Ranchers in the North Central region
Funding amounts	Up to \$15,000 or \$30,000
Grant goals	This grant helps farmers and ranchers explore innovative ideas and share what they learn with others. Farmers and ranchers can explore regenerative solutions to problems through on-farm research or demonstration / education projects.
Allowable expenses	Expenses directly related to the research or demonstration / education project (examples: labor, supplies, travel, data collection, field days, or other costs needed to carry out the project). Details in the Budget section.
Unallowable expenses	This grant CANNOT fund day-to-day farming expenses, purchasing land, or business startup costs. Details in the Budget section.
Submit	Online at projects.sare.org

Questions?

Be in touch. You can also scan the QR code for more information.

- Frequently asked questions
- See recently funded projects
- Watch a webinar about how to apply
- And more

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NCR-SARE's Farmer Rancher Grants

Look in the Call for Proposals for:

- Tips for creating a strong proposal
- Scoring criteria: how will your proposal be evaluated?
- Examples to help guide your writing

The Call for Proposals is available at

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

It includes key tips for creating a strong proposal, examples of budgets and the different sections, and more.

Who and What Is Getting Funded?

- Applicants may be just beginning the transition to a more sustainable operation or may already be using some sustainable practices and want to make additional changes.
- About 40 projects are funded each year in the North Central Region (out of ~150 proposals).



If you've never applied for a grant before, this is a good one to start with.

How Much Funding Can I Request?

- **Individual projects (\$15,000 maximum)**
 - For one farm/ranch operation, including multiple family members or individuals from that operation.
- **Team projects (\$30,000 maximum).**
 - For two or more separate and distinct farm/ranch operations who are working collaborating. (Note: Separate operations sell or distribute their products under separate names, keep separate financial records, and make land management decisions separately.)

What can Farmer Rancher Grants pay for?

Expenses **directly related** to testing or demonstrating innovative ideas and sharing what you learn with your peers.

Examples: Labor, Supplies, Travel, Data collection, Field days, or other costs needed to carry out the project.



Farmer Rancher Grants can pay for many costs involved with on-farm research and education efforts. Expenses directly related to testing or demonstrating innovative ideas and sharing what you learn with your peers.

Examples:

Labor, Supplies, Travel, Data collection, Field days, or other costs needed to carry out the project.

Farmer Rancher Grants **CANNOT** Fund:

- Day-to-day farming expenses, or most farm startup costs.
- Purchasing land.
- Major infrastructure (Buildings, motorized vehicles, wells, buried irrigation lines, etc).
- Insurance, licenses, warranties.
- Drones, unless the hardware/software is from approved vendors
- Etc.



However, there are a number of things that Farmer Rancher Grants cannot fund. See the Call for Proposals for a full list.

What about big ticket expenses?

This grant is **not** designed to fuel significant farm/ranch investments, or the start up of a farm/ranch.



“Equipment”

Equipment definition:

- Costs \$5000 or more AND Has a useful life of more than one year
OR
- Perennials, livestock, permanent trellises, or permanent fencing

50% Rule: Grant funds can only be used for up to 50% of the cost of these items.



How to follow the 50% Rule for “Equipment”: In the budget, enter up to 50% of the total cost in the Amount column. Then, in the Details/Justification section, list both the total cost of the item and the Amount that you are requesting from SARE.

Background

About SARE and NCR-SARE

The Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program'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.

The SARE program works primarily through competitive grant programs administered by four regions: North Central, Northeast, South, and West.

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

NCR-SARE's mission is to strengthen communities, increase farmer/rancher economic viability, and improve the environment by supporting research and education.

NCR-SARE is ~~hosted by the university or state~~ funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

Statement from USDA-NIFA

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), to the extent permitted by law, will no longer make grants or otherwise fund programs or activities that improperly discriminate on the basis of race or sex, including discrimination in the name of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies. Instead, USDA will prioritize merit and efficiency. USDA recognizes programs and initiatives will have the greatest impact when these programs and initiatives put American farmers, ranchers, and foresters first by:

- solving the most pressing challenges they face;
- protecting America's food, fuel, and fiber supply to enhance national security;
- supporting production of healthy and safe food for consumers;
- expanding and developing domestic markets;
- training the next generation of agriculturalists; and
- fueling innovation to keep American farmers at the forefront of productivity.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is committed to advancing these principles and encourages applicants to actively engage farmers, ranchers, and foresters when applying for funding opportunities to ensure relevancy and adherence to them. NIFA also encourages agricultural leaders to engage in the peer review panel process to ensure American producers are better served through research, education, and extension activities.

Timeline

- August 2026- Call for Proposals Released (Grant application opens)
- December 3, 2026- Proposals Due
- Mid-February 2027- Funding Decisions Made and Projects Reviewed for Compliance
- April 1, 2027 – Earliest Project Start Dates
- May-June 2027- Grants are Awarded and Grant Recipients Receive First 50% of Funding

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

**Look in the Call for
Proposals for these
details, and for new
guidelines about what
SARE grants can fund.**



NCR-SARE's Farmer Rancher
Grants

Alignment with Federal Administration Priorities

New Regulatory Mandate

- **Secretarial Memo 1078-021:** All USDA financial awards – including SARE - must now align with "America First" policies and national security interests.
- **Tribal Exemption:** Per Memo 1078-010, federally recognized Tribal Nations and Native communities remain exempt from these specific requirements.

The Procedural Change

- **Final NIFA Review:** Post-January 1, 2026, all proposals recommended for funding will be reviewed by USDA NIFA staff to ensure proposal language is in alignment with federal priorities before they are approved for funding. NCR SARE staff will work with applicants to adjust their proposals before this review. Proposals out of alignment will not be approved.

Now, I want to address an important update regarding federal award compliance and administration priorities.

Under USDA Secretarial Memorandum 1078-021, all financial assistance awards funded through USDA - including SARE grants - must align with federal policies prioritizing merit, efficiency, and national security interests. Please note that per Secretarial Memo 1078-010, federally recognized Tribal Nations and Native communities remain exempt from these specific requirements.

As a procedural change, all full proposals - meaning those preproposals invited next Spring - that are recommended for funding by our regional Administrative Council will undergo a final administrative compliance review by USDA-NIFA staff prior to contract execution. NCR-SARE staff will work collaboratively with invited applicants to ensure proposal language fully aligns with federal guidelines before final approval.

Alignment with Federal Administration Priorities

Preparing Proposals

- All applicants are encouraged to review the following:
 - [USDA Directive on Departmental Research & Development Priorities](#)
 - [White House Executive Order on DEI: January 20, 2025](#)
 - [White House Executive Order on Gender: January 20, 2025](#)
 - [White House Executive Order on Energy: January 20, 2025](#)
 - [White House Executive Order on Discrimination: January 21, 2025](#)
 - [White House Executive Order on Federal Grantmaking: August 7, 2025](#)
 - [American Drone Security Act of 2023](#)
- If applicants have questions about federal priorities and how they may or may not apply to their proposal, they are encouraged to contact NCR-SARE staff to set up a phone call to answer questions.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the detailed Call for Preproposals and relevant USDA directives when preparing their application language. We'll provide this slidedeck after this webinar so you can access the embedded links.

Focus your project narrative on solving pressing agricultural production challenges, protecting food and fiber security, enhancing economic competitiveness, and driving innovation for producers.

If you have any questions regarding federal priorities, please feel free to contact the NCR-SARE office directly. We are here to assist you.

Why do Grantees have to Share What They Learn?

These grants are meant to help more than just the grantee. What you learn is not “proprietary,” and you cannot charge for it.

That said: you propose what and how you will share. Some ways to share:

- Field day or farm tour
- Video series
- How-to Guide
- Conference p

If you're focused on in-person outreach, consider a fact sheet, how-to guide, or other way to share with folks across the region. And visa versa!



Is sharing on my social media enough?

No. Your target audience is your peers...so unless similar producers make up the majority of your followers, social posts are not enough.

Tell us:

- How you'll share, and who will amplify your sharing.



Who Decides Which Proposals Get Funded?

A peer review panel scores each project using criteria that are in the “Call for Proposals.”

Try scoring your own application using our scoring criteria (or ask someone else to).



See the Call for Proposals to see the scoring criteria that the Peer Review Panel uses to evaluate all proposals.

Who Decides Which Proposals Get Funded?

SARE's "Administrative Council" reviews the slate and validates a final list of projects recommended for funding.

Proposals and their budgets are reviewed for compliance with federal and host institution guidelines.



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What Does Reporting Involve?

You will need to report back on everything you proposed:

- **Objectives** you will tackle
- **Results** you think you can create and the **data** you're planning to collect
- **Outreach** activities (events you're planning to host, materials you'll create, etc.)
- **etc.**



If I'm Selected: When Can I Start? When do I get funds?

Date	Item
Dec 3rd, 2026	Proposals due online by Noon Central
Mid Feb 2027	Applicants notified
April 1, 2027	Earliest possible Start Date
May 2027	First 50% of funds available to applicants
January 2027 (or half way)	Progress Report Due
After Progress Report is Approved	35% of funds available
Project End Date (latest: 2/28/29)	Final Report Due
After Final Report is Approved	15% of funds available



How Does the Money Work?

SARE grants can provide a financial cushion for testing out an innovative idea or demonstrating it to your community.

However, SARE grants are NOT free money. They are a “fee for service.”

You are providing a service via the work you are doing on your farm or ranch, and by sharing out what you learn. Your proposal becomes the “Plan of Work” if you’re selected, you are under contract to do what you proposed.

You might secure capital for your farm from selling what you grow or from services you provide. You might also look for grants or loans to fund big improvements or projects. It’s critical to note that SARE Farmer Rancher Grants are not free money for projects that benefit your farm.

How Does the Money Work?

Farmer Rancher Grant income is taxable income. Talk to your tax professional about how this income will affect your tax reality.



Let's Pause for Questions



Before we talk about how to write a proposal, let's pause for questions about how the grant program works.

How to Write a NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grant Proposal



How to Write a SARE Farmer Rancher Grant Proposal

We'll walk through four steps:

1. Decide if your idea is a good fit for a SARE grant.
2. Ask for help.
3. Develop your proposal.
4. Use SARE'S online system to apply.

Find a more detailed step-by-step plan at
<https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>

You Will Use Two Helpful Websites

northcentral.sare.org

- detailed information on our programs
- sample calls for proposals
- find contact information
- understand NCR-SARE better
- sign up for email lists

projects.sare.org

- submit proposals
- research funded projects
- manage funded projects
- submit reports



Step #1: Decide if Your Idea is a Good Fit

<https://northcentral.sare.org/>

Farmer Rancher Grant

About the Farmer Rancher Grant Program

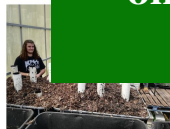
Farmers and ranchers have critical insight when it comes to improving their systems. Whether they need to limit off-farm inputs, reduce erosion, create more time for family or community activities, learn marketing skills, or find other ways to enhance their livelihoods, farmers and ranchers can turn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

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

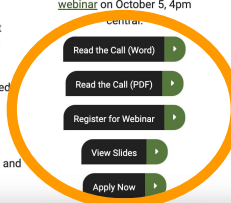
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Check out these [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) about the Farmer Rancher Grant program for more information. This [NCR-SARE Grant How-To Video Series](#) aims to help more people feel equipped to apply for a SARE grant.

- Farmer Rancher grants are for ideas initiated by farmers and ranchers and are offered as individual grants (\$15,000 maximum) or team grants for two or more farmers/ranchers who are working together (\$30,000 maximum).
- Projects may last up to 23 months.
- About 40 projects are funded each year. In 2023, NCR-SARE received 140 proposals and selected 42 proposals for funding.
- Grants support producers who are protecting natural resources, enhancing



The 2025 Farmer Rancher Call for Proposals is now available. Read the call for proposals before applying. Deadline is December 5 at 4pm Central. Join us for a [webinar](#) on October 5, 4pm Central.



**Read the Call For Proposals
BEFORE you start your
online application**



NCR-SARE's Farmer Rancher Grants

The Call for Proposals is available at

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

Step #1: Decide if Your Idea is a Good Fit

Recent Grant Projects

Click on the links below to access lists of funded project information. You can view lists of projects that have been funded in your [state](#).

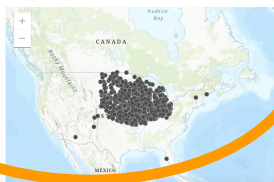
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Professional Development 2025 Professional Development Program Projects	Research and Education 2025 Research and Education Projects
Youth Educator 2026 Youth Educator Projects	Graduate Student 2025 Graduate Student Projects
Farmer Rancher 2026 Farmer Rancher Projects	Partnership 2026 Partnership Projects

Look at what's been funded recently.

FARMER RANCHER GRANT MAP

Take a look at [this map](#) to see the Farmer Rancher Grant projects that have been funded in the North Central region. Zoom in and use the project number to learn more about our Farmer Rancher grants.



NCR-SARE's Youth Educator Grants

When you scroll down to the bottom of that same page, you can see a list of recently funded projects, or search for past projects using the map. These are an excellent way to see if your idea is a good fit for this funding.

Step #1: Decide if Your Idea is a Good Fit

<https://projects.sare.org/>



Sustainable Agriculture
Research and Education
Projects

SARE Grant Management System

This site is where all reports 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...](#)

Search for SARE funded projects that relate to your idea, so you can explain why yours is innovative.

The SARE Grants Database has all projects since 1988. Search the database to see if others have done similar work, and if you can build on their lessons learned.

Note: if you are awarded a grant projects.sare.org will be where you will report on your grant project.

Step #1: Decide if Your Idea is a Good Fit

<https://projects.sare.org/>

The screenshot shows the SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) Projects search interface. The header includes the SARE logo and navigation links: PROJECTS, WHAT WE DO, WHERE WE WORK, and GRANTS. The main heading is "Search SARE-Funded Projects". Below this is a search form with the following elements:

- Keyword(s):** A text input field for entering search terms.
- Search** and **Reset** buttons.
- Order by:** Radio buttons for **Relevance** (selected), **Year**, and **Project Number**.
- Region:** A dropdown menu currently set to "All regions".
- State:** A dropdown menu currently set to "All States".
- Project Type:** A dropdown menu currently set to "All Project Types".
- Project Funding From:** A range selector from 1990 to 2025.

Two callout boxes provide additional instructions:

- Top Callout:** "Look up past SARE projects to see how your work differs or builds on them." (Points to the "GRANTS" navigation link).
- Bottom Callout:** "Type in keywords under 'Project Reports'. Choose the region, state or grant type of interest" (Points to the Keyword(s) input field).

- You should look at past grant projects to see how your work builds on past projects and use that information in your preproposal.
- You do not need to create an account to search projects.

Try our “Quiz” to see if your idea is a fit:





Eligibility Quiz

Is your idea a good fit for an NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher grant?

1. Are you a farmer or rancher in the North Central Region?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Do you have a problem - and an innovative sustainable agriculture solution - that your project will focus on?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Are you planning to test, trial, or research a new idea? Or is your project more about demonstrating and teaching an innovative practice?

☐ Yes: Demonstrate and teach an innovative practice.

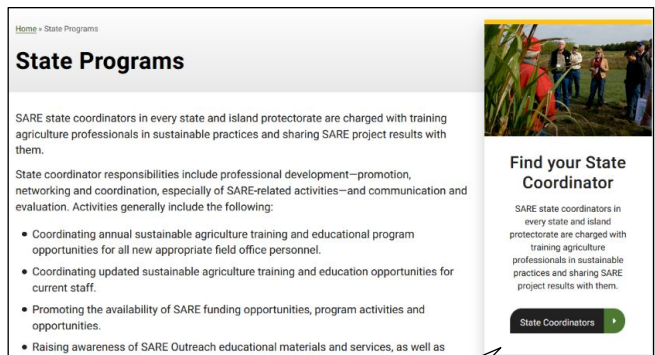
☐ Yes: Test, trial, or research a new idea.

☐ No

4. If your innovative solution works, could it help farmers and ranchers gain the knowledge they need to fundamentally improve their farm's economic, ecologic, and social viability?

Step #2: Ask for Help

- SARE Grants Coordinator can help strategize: Liz Brownlee
 - 612-626-3658
 - brow7263@umn.edu
- SARE State Coordinator might be able to review a draft IF you get it to them weeks before the deadline.
- Others you trust: Perhaps Extension Educators, SWCD staff, farmer organization staff, etc.



Contact your SARE
state coordinator

Step #3: Develop Your SARE Grant Proposal

- **Project Proposal**

Describe your project: Who, What, When, Where, etc.

- **Budget**

What items do you need to carry out the project?

- **Attachments**

Provide supporting documents:

- Letter of Support
- Team Confirmation of Commitment
- Livestock Care Plan

The Farmer Rancher Grant proposal has a few main sections.

Sections of Your SARE Grant Proposal

- **Project Proposal**

Describe your project: Who, What, When, Where, etc.

- **Budget**

What items do you need?

- **Attachments**

Provide supporting documents

- Letter of Support

Draft your proposal in a Word Document or Google Doc for easier editing and collaboration...then copy and paste your text into the SARE system.

Note that it will take some time to upload your answers AND create your budget in our system. Please don't try to do this all on the day the grant is due.

Let's start by looking at the narrative, where you'll lay out the who, what, when, where, and how.

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Project Proposal

Title and Description

1) People

Who are the people carrying out the project, and what are their roles? (400 words)

2) Problem

What problem are you trying to solve? **Are others facing a similar challenge?** (200 words)

3) Solution and Objectives

How do you plan to solve the problem using regenerative agriculture practices? What are your objectives? **Could this solution work for others in our region?** (600 words)

4) Contribution to Sustainable Agriculture

How will your project add to sustainable agriculture knowledge? (400 words)

These are the basic questions you will need to answer. Find detailed prompts in the Call for Proposals. Highlights show additions for this year.

Project Proposal

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1) People

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2) Problem

What problem are you trying to solve? (200 words)

3) Solution and Objectives

How do you plan to solve the problem?
What are your objectives? (600 words)

Show reviewers why your project is innovative. Tell them if SARE has funded similar work. Note which specific projects you are building from or informed by. Include the project number...

4) Contribution to Sustainable Agriculture

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Project Proposal

*Many farmers and researchers have documented the power of cover crops to build soil health, especially when grazed. But most of the on-farm trials we are learning from graze with cattle, including **FNC17-2318 and FNC22-2578**. We want to understand if grazing cover crops with poultry offers the same or even better soil health benefits. There are no SARE-funded projects on this topic in our region. Producers in Alabama have tried grazing cover crops with poultry but they were focused on meat yield (**FS23-819**). We are excited to try to replicate their excellent growth rates and start to document the soil health potential in specifically.*

4) Contribution to Sustainable Agriculture

How will your project add to sustainable agriculture knowledge? (400 words)

Note which specific projects you are building from or informed by. Include the project number by using the code for that project (FNCXX-XXXX). This example does that in the orange circles.

Project Proposal

5) Sustainable Agriculture Benefits

How will your solution benefit other farmers or ranchers in your community and the North Central region economically, ecologically, and community wellbeing?

6) Measuring Results

How will you measure the results of your project? (300 words)

Pick a few Benefits – ones that you can directly measure via your Results.

There should be a direct line between the “Benefits” you’re claiming your solution can provide, the “Results” (what you’ll measure), and your Budget (what you’re asking for funds to do).

Type of project...and what data you're collecting

Research	Demonstration/Education
Yield	# of farmers who gained knowledge
Costs	# of ranchers who built networks
Labor	# of producers who made a change based on what they learned from you
Nutrient density	other?
Income	
Forage production	



Some proposals don't do very well b/c they're trying to do everything - or it's unclear what they're really doing. Are they a research project? Great! Measure those things you're trialing, whether that's yield gained or labor saved or whatever. Are you demonstration/education? Then you might be measuring # of farmers who gained knowledge, who built networks, or who reported making a change on their farm based on learning from you. It's also going to ripple through your budget. If you're trying to develop a cooperative marketing strategy for meat, you probably don't need to test soils as part of your SARE project budget. Reviewers want to see clarity about what you're doing, and that it's realistic.

Project Proposal

7) Outreach

How will you share the information you learned from your project with farmers and ranchers, educators, and others? (400 words)

8) Project Funding

Will your project cost more than \$15,000 (Individual) or \$30,000 (Team)?

These are the basic questions you will need to answer. Find detailed prompts in the Call for Proposals.

Sections of Your SARE Grant Proposal

- **Project Proposal**

Describe your project: Who, What, When, Where, etc.

- **Budget**

What items do you need to carry out the project?

- **Attachments**

Provide supporting documents:

- Letter of Support
- Team Confirmation of Commitment
- Livestock Care Plan

Next, you will lay out the budget to support your project.

Budget and “Justification”

What items do you need to carry out the project? Examples:

Category	Description	Amount	Justification
Materials and Supplies	Wine Cap Mushrooms	\$60	\$30 each x 2 packages = \$60

Here are some example budget “line items.”

Note that the “justification” does NOT require you to explain why an item is necessary. Instead, this is simply the place to show how you calculated the total amount. Be sure to include the cost of the item, the number you need, and the total.

Budget and “Justification”

You cannot use lump sum estimates. That’s what will hold up your contract (and funding) if you get selected. If you have a spreadsheet where you calculate the costs, include that level of info!

Break down each expense and show the math you used to calculate it:

- # hours × hourly rate,
- number of items × unit price,
- or specific travel costs like mileage and hotel nights).

Once approved, these original numbers serve as your starting point. You can adjust them later if your project plans or costs change.

Sections of Your SARE Grant Proposal

- **Project Proposal**
Describe your project: Who, What, When, Where, etc.
- **Budget**
What items do you need to carry out the project? Details in the Budget section.
- **Attachments**
Provide supporting documents:
 - Letter of Support
 - Team Confirmation of Commitment (if applicable)
 - Livestock Care Plan

You will also need to fill out the “attachments,” depending on your project.

Attachments

Letter of Support:

A farmer or rancher participating in the project cannot write the Letter of Support.

Instead, find someone who can help explain (1) why you're the right person to lead this project and/or (2) why this project is needed by the farming/ranching community.

Letters of support should include:

- ☐ Contact information of the supporter
- ☐ How the supporter knows you
- ☐ Description of your experience and ability to carry out the project
- ☐ Explanation of why the project is needed and how it will benefit the community
- ☐ Optional: Specifics about if/how the supporter will be involved in the project.

Tip: ***Ask supporters early!***

For example, the supporter might collaborate to host a field day by handling registration and promotion, plus providing event supplies like signage, name tags, and surveys

Attachments

Livestock Care Plan:

- Everyone fills out question 1.
- If your project involves vertebrate livestock, you fill out the whole form.

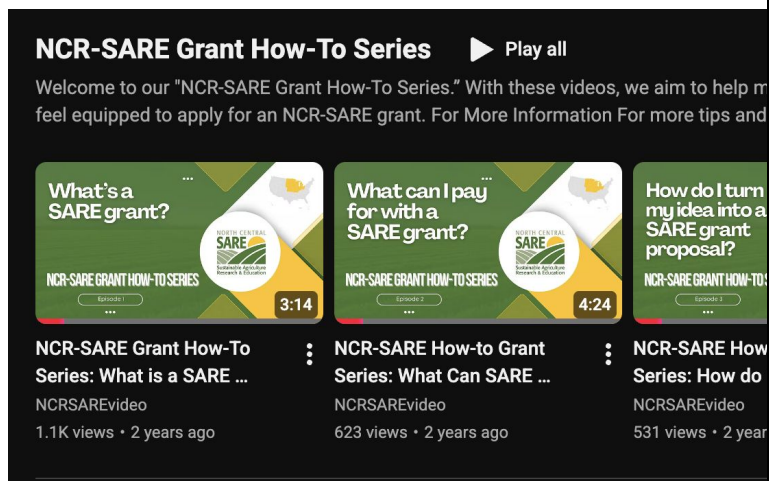
Team Confirmation of Commitment:

Team members will receive an email when you press “submit” on your proposal. One week deadline to confirm their role within one week of when you submit your application.

Note that if your project does not include vertebrate livestock, you will simply answer “no” to question 1 and not have to fill out the rest of the form.

Step #4: Use the Online System to Apply

- It will take at least a few hours to fill out the online form
- Our How-To Videos can help with specific sections.
- Stick around and we will walk through navigating the online system.



I'd like to highlight a new resource we've created to help you feel equipped to apply for SARE grants. We have 11 short how-to videos. Each one is about 3 minutes and tackles a specific question we get frequently, like:

- Is my idea a good fit for a SARE grant?
- How does the funding work?
- What do I put in the outreach section?
- Etc!

Go to youtube.com and search "NCRSAREvideo" to find this playlist.

Let's Pause for Questions



Before we go to the step-by-step directions for using the SARE online system, I'd like to pause for questions.

If you're heading out:

- Download the Call for Proposals
- Review the rest of these slides (step-by-step instructions for filling out the proposal)
- Be in touch!
 - brow7263@umn.edu
 - 612-626-3658



Good luck with your proposal. If you have any questions, contact NCR-SARE.

Stay in touch with SARE:

- On the web: <http://www.northcentral.sare.org/>
- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCRSARE>
- On Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ncrsare>
- On Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ncrsare>
- On YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/NCRSAREvideo>

Details about Using SARE's Online Grant Management System to Submit Your Proposal



Step #4: Use the Online System to Apply

<https://projects.sare.org/>

Log in or
create an
account

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...](#)

- Now we'll show a few of the screen shots from the online submission system so that you know what to expect. When you go to projects.sare.org, this is what you'll see.
- If you've never had a SARE grant before you will need to first create an account and complete your profile. Click on create 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 username and password you used for reporting.

Demographic data is not tied to your Application. It is used for our improvement

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 (e.g. DVM or Jr.)

Job Title*

Institution, organization or business name*

Institution, organization or business type* Select one

Address Line 1*

Address Line 2

City*

State/Protectorate*

Zip*

Office/Day Phone*

Cell Phone

Website https://

Demographic Information The SARE program is committed to an ethic of openness, inclusiveness, and diversity in all of its programs, policies, and procedures. To monitor our performance in these areas, we ask you to provide your demographic information. Demographic information is only displayed or used in aggregate.

Ethnicity* Select -

Race* Select -

Sex* --

Year of birth (optional) Select -

☐ I'm not a robot 

- 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."
- You will have to go to your email to confirm your account, then set up a password and login.
 - There is a video tutorial for this step if you need it!

Get started

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](#)

If you're starting a new proposal, choose North Central Region

Apply For A Grant

My proposals

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

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

+ **Western**
AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, AS, FM, GU

- Once you log in, you'll see this screen.
 - Under the proposal Applicant Links, you'll see options:
 - If you are brand new here, click on "Start a new grant proposal"
 - If you've started a proposal, but not submitted it yet, click "Manage my grant proposals."

My proposals

Regions currently accepting applications

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

+

North Central

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

2025 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant

[Call for proposals](#)

Closes: December 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST

Begin a new proposal

Your existing proposals

• [Great title for Farmer Rancher Project](#)

2025 North Central Youth Educator Grant

[Call for proposals](#)

Closes: November 7, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST

Begin a new proposal

Your existing proposals

• [Really Great title](#)

Choose the Correct program

- You will see a list of all open grant applications, for all four SARE regions. Choose the North Central Region by clicking on the plus sign (+). Then choose the correct grant program. You will be completing the North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant application.
- Click on “Begin a new proposal.”

**Edit
missing
items**

Proposal Overview

2025 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant

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Closes: December 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST

Status: **Not submitted**

Title: Missing title

[Edit title](#)

The project title lets reviewers know what your project is about. Use words that are useful for finding your project in a website search. The maximum length is 150 characters which is about 35 words or less. Please use title case.

Project Description:

Missing description

[Edit description](#)

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

Applicant: [Erin Schneider](#)

Project Coordinator: [Erin Schneider](#) [Change](#) [Remove](#)

- The first items that must be completed are marked as “Missing.” For example, “Missing title” or “Missing description.” Click on “Edit title,” then type in the title of your proposal in the space provided. This lets reviewers know what your project is about –
 - be descriptive but not too wordy. Use keywords that are useful for finding your project in a website search, keeping the title to 150 characters or less including spaces (this is about 25 words).
 - Click on “Save” to save your title. Note that throughout the application, you must click on “Save” after every entry to save the information you’ve entered.
- Click on “Edit Title” again to change your answers.

General Information

2025 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant

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Roller crimper demonstration project for no-till vegetable production

State
List the state where project work is taking place.
✗ Answer: Edit

County
✗ Answer: Edit

Are you a Farmer or Rancher?
You must be a farmer or rancher to apply. A farmer/rancher is someone who runs a farm or ranch, especially as a business. Beginning farmers/ranchers are eligible to apply. Most organizations (NGOs) should apply for Partnership Grants for projects working with farmers/ranchers. See: <https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/partnerships>. Organizations that are actively farming can apply for Farmer Rancher Grants. The NGO farmer/rancher payments can go to the NGO.

Callouts:

- Press "Save" each time.
- Once you have saved an answer, the Red "x" is replaced by a green check.

- Click on the "Edit" button for each question and enter your answer. Note that some boxes give you a list to choose from. For example, which you click on "Edit" to fill in the state where the project work is taking place, you will see "select one" which means there is a drop-down menu that that will be visible when you click on the "down" indicator.
- Be sure to click on "Save" after you answer each question.
- Once you have completed and saved an answer, a green check mark appears next to that question. To change your answer, click on "Edit," change your answer." Be sure to save your work as you go.

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

Title: Roller crimper demonstration project for no-till vegetable production

Edit title

The project title lets reviewers know what your project is about. Use words that are useful for finding your project in a web search. The maximum length is 150 characters which is about 35 words or less. Please use title case.

Project Description:

We will share how to build a roller crimper from salvaged parts and test this on different cover crops used in no till vegetable production in Wisconsin. We will host a field day to demonstrate how to use and get feedback from other farmers.

Edit description

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

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Change

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Project Coordinator: Erin Schneider

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Additional Editor: Add additional editor

Proposal Requirements:

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

* General Information

* Grant Proposal

* Budget and justification

* Letters of Support

* Livestock Care Plan

Call For Proposals

Full details about the grant program, requirements and tips for success can be found in the Call for Proposals.

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Grant Requirement Highlights

Deadline: Thursday, Dec 5, 2024 at 4:00pm Central Time

Who's eligible: Farmers and Ranchers in the North Central region

Funding amounts: Up to \$15,000 or \$30,000

Grant Goals: This grant helps farmers explore innovative ideas and what they are learning with others. Farmers and ranchers can explore sustainable solutions to problems through on-farm research or demonstration and education projects.

Allowable expenses: Expenses directly related to the research, demonstration, or education project (examples: labor, supplies, travel, collection, field days, or other costs needed to carry out the project)

If you return to “Proposal Overview,” you will see which sections are completed and which still need to be filled out. Sections that have not been completed have a red asterisk (*) beside them.

Sections that are completed will not have a red asterisk beside the section heading, like “General Information” in this example. Click on the next section, which is “Grant Proposal” in this example, and complete the next section.

Asterisks are removed when required sections are complete.

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

Budget and justification

2025 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant

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Roller crimper demonstration project for no-till vegetable production

Instructions

Read the Budget Instructions and Example Budget in the Call for Proposals before you complete your budget. See: <https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/farmer-rancher-grant/>

Here is an example of a budget entry.

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

Budget and Justification

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

Answer:

Add a budget item

To start filling out your budget, "Add a Budget Item."

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

- There is a video tutorial for this step!
- Your budget items should match the materials and labor described in your grant proposal.

You will fill out a box like this for each and every line item in your budget.

Budget

Remember to save after entering each budget item, and provide calculations to show how you justification details.

✓ Answer:

Budget Total: \$6,250

Description	Category	Amount
Farmer Stipends	Fee for services	\$6,250
250 hrs for 3 farmers @ \$25/hr		
Institute of Nature and Culture Total: \$6,250		\$6,250

*Category: -- select category --

*Description:

Details/Justification:

Amount:

Save

Cancel

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Complete the budget section of your proposal, including justification of each expense.

Once you are satisfied with the budget items, click “save.”

Budget

Remember to save after entering each budget item, and provide calculations to show how you justify the details.

✓ Answer:

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*Category: -- select category --

*Description:

Details/Justification

Save

Cancel

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✗ Answer:

*Category: -- select category --

*Description: -- select category --

Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants, or livestock (50%)

Materials and supplies

Other direct costs

Personnel

Travel

Complete the budget section of your proposal, including justification of each expense.

Once you are satisfied with the budget items, click “save.”

Type in a simple description of the item...

...and then show how you calculated the cost. Include:

- Cost per item.
- How many you need.
- Total Cost
- Simple explanation of how you will use it for your project

Budget

Remember to save after entering each budget item, and provide calculations to show how you justified details.

✓ Answer:

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*Description:

Details/Justification:

Amount:

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Complete the budget section of your proposal, including justification of each expense.

- Choose the “Budget Category,” then fill in the item “Description.”
- Under “Details/Justification,” show how you calculated the cost for that item (show your math).
- In this example, only 50% of the cost of the item (perennial plants) can be included in the budget. This is because only 50% of the cost of these items can be included in the grant budget:
- Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds, perennial plants, and livestock.
- Enter the “Amount” you want to include in the grant budget. Be sure to click on “Save” to save your work.
- You can keep adding budget items by clicking on “Add a Budget Item.”

Once you are satisfied with the budget items, click “save.”

Then fill in the
“Amount”
(round if
needed).

Budget and Justification

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

✖ Answer:

*Category: Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants, or livestock (50%) ▾

*Description:

27 potted Marsh mallow plants for trial

Details/Justification:

27 plants at \$15.99 per plant = \$431.73 (3 extra ordered in case replacements are needed), plus shipping rounded to \$513. Perennial plants (50% of cost allowed) 50% of \$513 = \$256.50 rounded to \$257.

Amount: 257

Save Cancel

- Choose the “Budget Category,” then fill in the item “Description.”
- Under “Details/Justification,” show how you calculated the cost for that item (show your math).
- In this example, only 50% of the cost of the item (perennial plants) can be included in the budget. This is because only 50% of the cost of these items can be included in the grant budget:
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- Enter the “Amount” you want to include in the grant budget. Be sure to click on “Save” to save your work.
- You can keep adding budget items by clicking on “Add a Budget Item.”

Budget and Justification

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

✖ Answer:

*Category: Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants, or livestock (50%)

*Description: 27 potted Marsh mallow plants for trial

Details/Justification: 27 plants at \$15.99 per plant = \$431.73 (3 extra ordered in case replacements are needed), plus shipping rounded to \$513. Perennial plants (50% of cost allowed) 50% of \$513 = \$256.50 rounded to \$257.

Amount: 257

Save

Cancel

This is a what a saved budget item looks like.

Click "SAVE" after every category. It does not auto save.

✔ Answer:

Add a budget item

Budget Total: \$257

Description	Category	Amount
Edit 27 potted Marsh mallow plants for trial	Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants, or livestock (50%)	\$257
27 plants at \$15.99 per plant = \$431.73 (3 extra ordered in case replacements are needed), plus shipping \$81 = \$512.73 rounded to \$513. Perennial plants (50% of cost allowed) 50% of \$513 = \$256.50 rounded to \$257.		
Providence Point Farm Total: \$257		\$257

Edit	Ground cover for planting around trial blocks of marsh mallow	Equipment, permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants livestock (50%)	\$77
Add a budget item			
9-packs of pint groundcover plants (4 plants: Dutch white clover, sweet woodruff, ajuga, bergenia). Four 9-packs at \$32 each = \$128 plus shipping at \$25 = \$153 x 50% allowed for perennial plants = \$76.50 rounded to \$77.			
Edit	Dehydrator for drying marsh mallow roots	Materials and supplies	\$564
1 commercial dehydrator, 10 shelves with glass door, Avantco brand, \$529 plus shipping cost of \$35 = \$564			
Edit	BCS root digger attachment for tiller to harvest marsh mallow roots	Materials and supplies	\$239
1 root digger attachment at \$199 plus tax and shipping of \$40 = \$239			
Edit	Use of commercial kitchen at Lincoln University for recipe development	Materials and supplies	\$1,000
20 sessions at \$50 per session (evening use rate)			
Edit	Field day Local food lunch on the farm for 40 people, which includes programming before and after the meal and marshmallow samples	Other direct costs	\$680
40 lunches at \$17 per person = \$680			
Edit	Project coordinator sets up trial, documents plant growth monthly and photographs, researches recipes for marshmallows, tests recipes, researchs and creates sampling surveys for businesses and consumers.	Personnel	\$3,000
120 hours at \$25/hr = \$3000			
Edit	2 Lincoln University students document pollinators that are attracted by marshmallow plants, weekly observations through the summer	Personnel	\$320
20 hours each at \$16/hr = \$320			
NCR-SARE Total: \$6,137			\$6,137
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- Here is part of a sample budget, where they have created several line items for different types of expenses. There is an example budget in the Call for Proposals.

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Proposal Requirements:
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* Proposal missing required answers

Call For Proposals
Full details about the Call for Proposals.
We strongly encourage you to complete your proposal application by the deadline.

Grant Requirements
Deadline: Thursday, September 10, 2020, 11:59 PM EDT
Who's eligible: Farmers and ranchers
Funding amounts: \$1,000 to \$10,000
Grant Goals: This grant is for learning with other farmers and ranchers through on-farm research.
Allowable expenses: Expenses for the project (examples: travel, materials, equipment, etc.) that carry out the project.
Unallowable expenses: Expenses for the grant that are not allowed, such as day-to-day farming expenses, land, or business startup costs. Details in the Budget section.

Once you have completed the Livestock Care form, click on **Save**. Then click on "Next Section".

Does this project involve livestock (vertebrate animals only)
Vertebrate animals (those with a backbone or spinal column) include cows, sheep, and other vertebrates such as bees, other insects, and shrimp are not considered Livestock for this grant.
If your project involves livestock, answer "Yes" and fill out the Livestock Care form. If your project does not involve livestock, answer "No" and do not fill out a Livestock Care form.

Answer:
☐ Yes
☒ No
[Save](#) [Cancel](#)

If your project does NOT include livestock, this is the only question you will have to answer.

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

- If your project **does** involve livestock, answer all of the questions in the Livestock Care Plan form and click on "Save."
- You are almost ready to submit.

View a draft
any time

Proposal Overview

2025 North Central Farmer/Rancher Grant

View Draft

Call for proposals

Closes:

December 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST

Status:

Not submitted

Title:

Roller crimper demonstration project for no-till vegetable production

Edit title

The project title lets reviewers know what your project is about. Use words that are useful for finding your project in a website search. The maximum length is 150 characters which is about 35 words or less. Please use title case.

2025 description:

We will share how to build a roller crimper from salvaged parts and test this on different cover crops used in no till vegetable production in Wisconsin. We will host a field day to demonstrate how this works and get feedback from other farmers.

Edit description

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

Applicant:

Erin Schneider

Project Coordinator:

Erin Schneider

Change

Remove

Additional Editor:

Add additional editor

Proposal Requirements:

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

General Information

* Grant Proposal

* Budget and justification

Call For Proposals

Full details about the grant program, requirements and tips for success are found in the Call for Proposals.

We strongly encourage you to **READ THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS BEFORE STARTING** your proposal application.

Grant Requirement Highlights

Deadline:

Thursday, Dec 5, 2024 at 4:00pm Central Time

Who's eligible:

Farmers and Ranchers in the North Central region

Funding amounts:

Up to \$15,000 or \$30,000

Grant Goals:

This grant helps farmers explore innovative ideas and share what they are

- Once you’ve completed all required sections, you are ready to submit the proposal.
 - Pro tip: It’s a good idea to click on “View Draft” before you submit your proposal and do a final review of your proposal. When you are satisfied with how you have answered all the questions, click on “Submit Proposal”.

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 - It's a good idea to click on "View Draft" before you submit your proposal and do a final review of your proposal. When you are satisfied with how you have answered all the questions, click on "Submit Proposal".
- You will see a screen titled, "Submit Proposal." Click on "Submit proposal" again to confirm that you want to submit the proposal.
- You will get an email from: "SARE Grant Management System <projects@sare.org>," confirming that your proposal was submitted.

Application

Submit Proposal

2025 North Central Farmer Rancher Grant

Really great project!

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

Submit proposal

And click "Submit Proposal" again.

Congratulations, you're done! You will receive a confirmation email shortly. If you don't check the system again to make sure your email address is correct.

This is where you will receive notification about the proposal.



Congratulations! You have now submitted your Farmer Rancher Grant Proposal. The proposals will be reviewed by a team of North Central region Farmers and Ranchers between the date the application closed and the February Administrative Council meeting, when the funding decisions will be made. Notifications will go out by mid- to late February.

- After you submit your proposal, you will see this confirmation page. **You will also receive an email from the SARE system confirming your submission.**
- You can Unsubmit and make changes PRIOR to the closing date for the grant program. Make sure you resubmit by the closing date and time, or your proposal will not be considered for funding.
- Once your proposal is submitted, you can click on "Unsubmit Proposal" to unsubmit your proposal or "Download PDF" to review or print your application.
- **To unsubmit, click on "Unsubmit Proposal." To review or print a copy of your proposal, click on "Download PDF."**

Next Steps

- [Try our quiz to see if your idea is a fit](#) for the Farmer Rancher Grant
- Read the Call for Proposals
- Look at what's been funded recently
- Search the SARE database for related projects
- Ask for help
- Set up an account on projects.sare.org and get started
- Start drafting your proposal
- Try scoring your proposal
- Be in touch with questions



Thank you!

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Good luck with your proposal. If you have any questions, contact NCR-SARE.

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