



# Farming Community Grants

Northeast SARE's competitive Farming Community Grants provide up to \$250,000 to support social connections, research and education to strengthen farming and food systems at the community level.

## How Farming Community Grants Work

Farming Community projects improve the health and sustainability of agricultural communities by developing community partnerships informed by the lived experiences of farmers. These projects encourage collaboration between farmers, service providers, researchers and non-profit organizations to co-create solutions that are responsive to local needs and scalable across the Northeast.

This grant program was launched in 2025 and first-year awards included projects focused on farmers' physical and mental health, market gardening for veterans, regenerative urban agriculture, culturally determined market vegetable production, peer-to-peer farmer mentorships, expanding land availability, food security and more.



*"Our Local Food Heroes Program introduces veterans to sustainable agriculture as a viable career path, leveraging their skills in discipline, resilience and adaptability. This program combines hands-on agricultural experience with business development support to address both veteran employment needs and community food security challenges."*

**Tye's House**  
Testing Market Gardening Methods with Veteran Farmers: Research on Educational Pathways, Business Development, and Resource Solutions

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## For More Information

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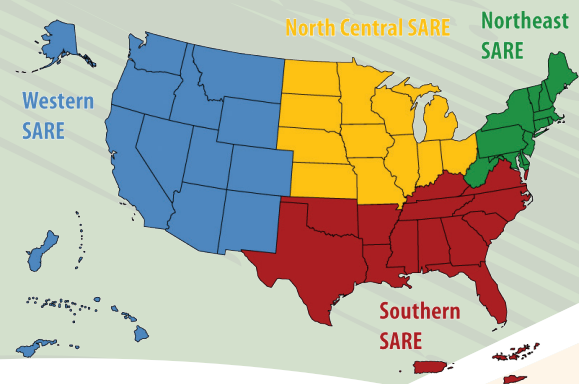
## Facts to Know

**Awards:** Farming Community Grants are capped at \$250,000.

**Duration:** Projects may last up to two years.

**Funding Rate:** This program began in 2025 so expected funding rates are not yet known. In other Northeast SARE programs, fewer than 50 percent of proposals are funded.

**Eligibility:** Farmers, researchers at universities, private businesses, federal, state and local agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Applicants may be located outside the Northeast Region, but project activities and potential benefits must primarily occur within the region of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Vermont or Washington, D.C.



## To Apply

Proposals are accepted only during open periods. Deadlines and complete eligibility requirements are listed in the Call for Proposals.

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