

# Which Grant Should I Apply For?

Northeast SARE grant programs are open to anyone working to improve the sustainability and economic resilience of farms and farming in the Northeast. Which grant is right for you will depend on your role in the agricultural community and on the type, scope and duration of the project you want to lead.

## **I'm a Farmer**

Farmers primarily interested in conducting research on their own farms with the help of a technical advisor should look into the Farmer Grant program. Farmers can also lead larger Research and Education, Professional Development or Farming Community Grant projects.

## **I'm a University Graduate Student**

Go straight to the Graduate Student Research Grant program.

## **I work for a government agency**

Agency personnel often lead Professional Development or Partnership projects but can also compete for Research for Novel Approaches, Research and Education or Farming Community grants.

## **I'm a University Researcher or Extension Educator**

The most research-focused Northeast SARE grants are the large Research for Novel Approaches and the Research and Education programs. Research for Novel Approaches grants focus on applied sustainability research building on previous studies or pilot projects. Research and Education grants may include a research component but must include a farmer-focused education element designed to change on-farm practices during the project duration.

Social science researchers should look into the Farming Community Grant program, designed to build and strengthen agricultural communities broadly.

Researchers and extensionists can also lead Partnership Grants or Professional Development projects, which are designed to increase the skills of the people advising farmers. They can also serve as faculty advisors to graduate students or technical advisors for farmers.



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# Grant Program Guide

Visit [northeast.sare.org/grants](http://northeast.sare.org/grants) for complete descriptions of all the available grant programs.



## Which Grant is Right for Me? (Continued from front)

### I'm at a non-profit or community agency

The Professional Development and Partnership programs are a good fit, as well as Farming Community grants. Staff can also serve as technical advisors for Farmer Grant recipients.

### I have a for-profit business working with farmers

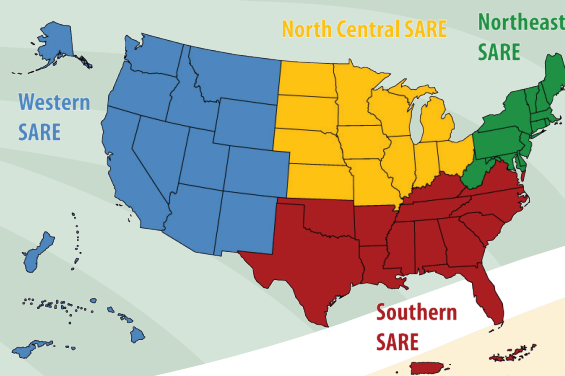
For service providers and agricultural professionals whose business is supporting or advising farmers, Partnership, Professional Development and Research and Education grants are all potential fits.

**See a graphic overview of our current grant programs at [www.northeastsare.org/grantcomparison](http://www.northeastsare.org/grantcomparison)**

Farming Community grants may also be appropriate, and serving as a farmer's technical advisor could be a great way to start.

For all Northeast SARE grant programs, specific eligibility requirements, funding levels, deadlines and restrictions are detailed in that program's current Call for Proposals.

In all programs, project activities and potential benefits must occur within the Northeast Region of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Vermont or Washington, D.C.



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