

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

The Professional Development Program funds multiyear train-the-trainer projects directed toward increasing the knowledge, skills and abilities of agricultural service providers to teach farmers about sustainable practices and approaches. Projects must aim for measurable changes in service providers' education and training of farmers.

Preproposals are due in the summer with full proposals due in the fall. Awards typically range from \$30,000 to \$150,000.

"As a result of our SARE project, partnerships between the participating agencies have been significantly strengthened, and the teams formed continue to deliver multi-disciplinary, multi-agency, programming in related areas to producers."

Doolarie Singh-Knights, Professional Development Program Grantee



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ABOUT NORTHEAST SARE

The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program offers competitive grants and education to farmers, researchers, educators, agricultural service providers and graduate students to address key issues affecting the sustainability of agriculture throughout our region. The ultimate goal of our program, captured in the Northeast SARE outcome statement, is:

Agriculture in the Northeast will be diversified and profitable, providing healthful products to customers. Farmers and the people they work with will steward resources to ensure sustainability and resilience, and foster conditions where farmers have high quality of life and communities can thrive.

OUR GRANT PROGRAMS

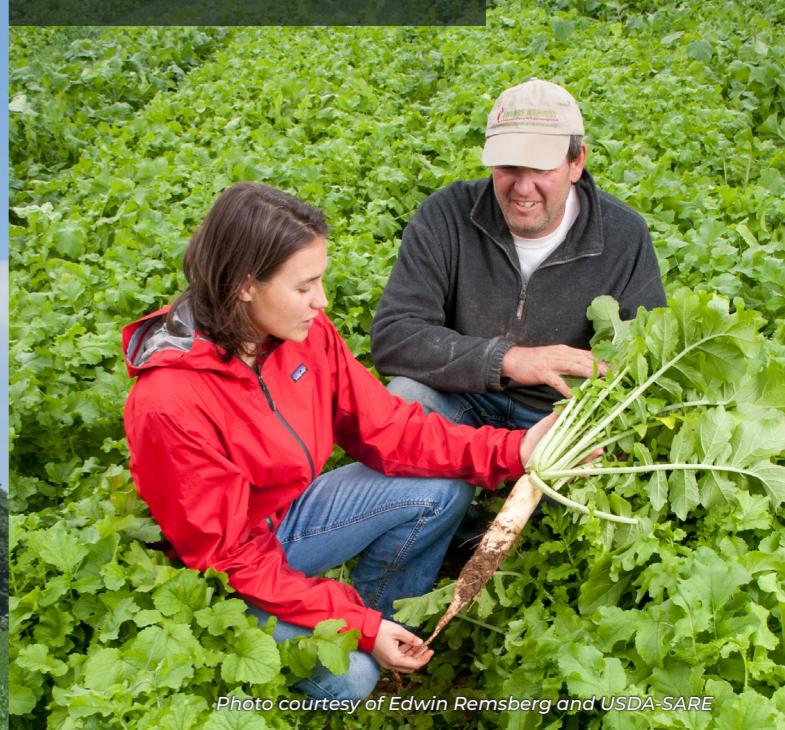


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RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

The Research and Education grant program funds multiyear projects that result in gains in farmer knowledge and skills applied to make measurable changes that lead to greater sustainability throughout the Northeast region. Projects may be submitted with or without an applied research component, but all projects must have an outcome-based education program for farmers.

Preproposals are due in the summer with full proposals due in the fall. Awards typically range from \$30,000 to \$250,000.

"I appreciate SARE's focus on outcomes and performance targets to make sure that our work is practical, effective, and benefits growers in the Northeast."

– Jennifer Hashley, Research and Education Grantee



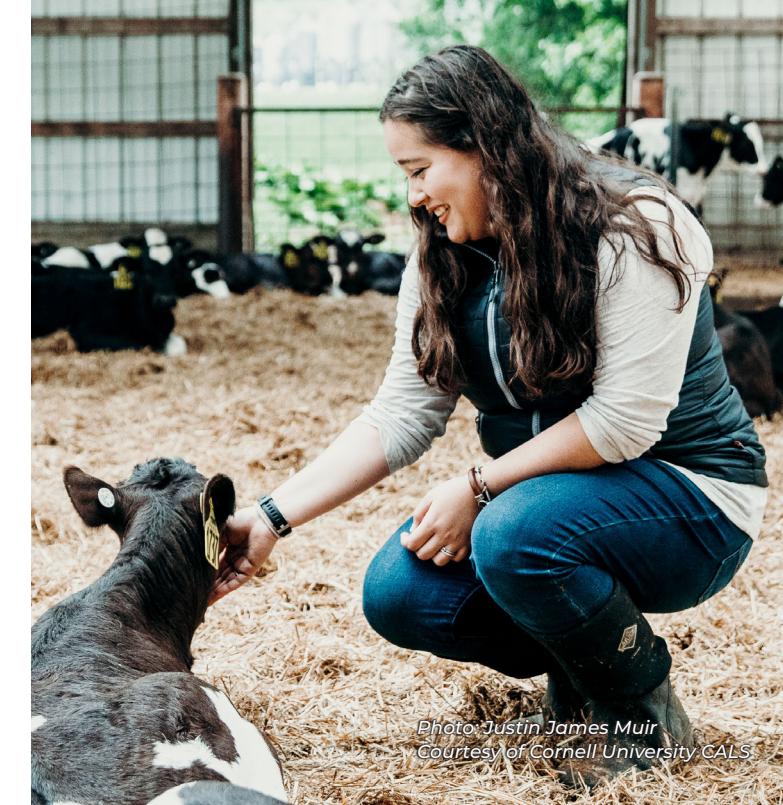
PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

The Partnership Grant program funds projects conducted by agricultural service providers working in partnership with farmers to address issues that affect the farming community. Funds may be used for research into improving production practices or marketing approaches, on-farm demonstrations of new techniques to influence farmer adoption, and enhanced farm quality of life and community development efforts.

Proposals are due in the spring for awards in late summer. Award maximum: \$30,000.

“Because of SARE support, I leveraged additional dollars from other sources to expand an online course and to support community meetings about starting a shared commercial kitchen.”

– Winifred McGee, Partnership Grantee



RESEARCH FOR NOVEL APPROACHES GRANTS

The Research for Novel Approaches program funds applied research that assesses the feasibility of new practices and approaches that have high potential for farmer adoption. Fundable projects provide evidence that proposed approaches are beneficial to the agricultural community but need more data to prove they are ready to be adopted by farmers.

Preproposals are due in the summer with full proposals due in the fall. Awards typically range from \$30,000 to \$200,000.

“These SARE grants are invaluable tools to help try our new ideas, and get better bees in the hands of our local beekeepers.”

– Jeff Berta, Farmer Grantee

FARMER GRANTS

The Farmer Grant program funds projects conducted by commercial farmers to explore solutions to production, profitability, marketing, and social challenges.

Competitive proposals offer innovation through techniques that test a new idea or apply a known idea in a new way, often through an experiment, trial or on-farm demonstration. Projects must offer an outreach component to share results with other farmers and involve a technical advisor who assists in some aspect of project planning, implementation or outreach.

Proposals are due in early winter for awards the following March. Award maximum: \$30,000.

“SARE research from other farmers has kept me from reinventing the wheel. Free and open access to a huge database of agricultural wisdom has saved me time, money and energy - arguably the three most valuable things in any young farmer’s resource bank.”

-- Nichki Carangelo, Farmer Grantee



GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS

The Graduate Student Grant program funds research conducted by graduate students, under the supervision of faculty advisors, on topics specific to sustainable agriculture. The program is open to graduate students enrolled at accredited colleges, universities and veterinary schools in the Northeast who propose research relevant to our region’s agricultural community.

Proposals are due in the spring for awards in late summer. Award maximum: \$15,000.

“The SARE grant provided me with funds to study aspects that perhaps I wouldn’t have had a chance to explore...the whole process was important from a career standpoint – writing a grant, managing the funds, etc.”

– Al Pacheco Kovaleski, Graduate Student Grantee



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