

Applying for a 2023 NCR-SARE R&E Grant

NCR-SARE's Research and Education Grant Program is a competitive grant program that funds collaborative teams of scientists, farmers, institutions and educators who are exploring sustainable agriculture through research projects or education/demonstration projects.

**For 2023 program, preproposals are due
Thurs., Oct. 13, 2022, 4:00 pm CDT**



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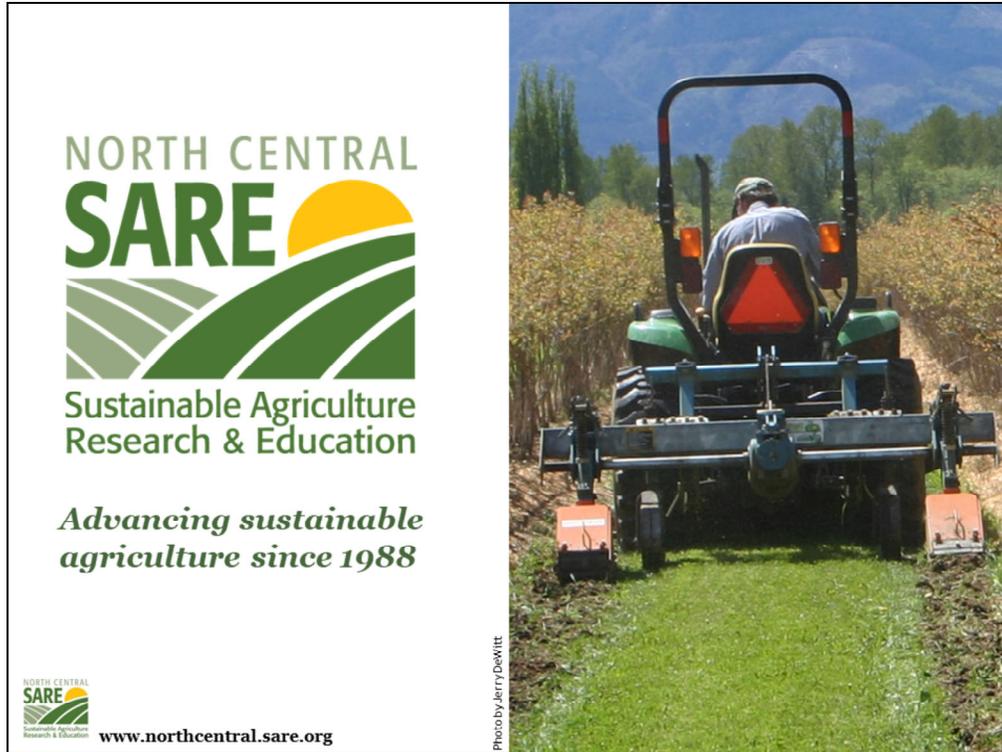


*Advancing sustainable
agriculture since 1988*

This presentation goes over material that is in the Call for Preproposals, so it would be useful to have that in front of you as you're going through this presentation.

The presentation begins with a quick overview of SARE and North Central SARE and emphasize some of the SARE philosophy that I hope will aid you in developing your proposals.

Next, it goes through some of the sections of the proposal and provides additional information about what reviewers are looking for. It ends with going through the online submission process. Contact information is at the end of the presentation. This grant program is a competitive grant program to fund research or education projects that address sustainable agriculture issues in the north central region.



The image is a composite graphic. On the left is the North Central SARE logo, which includes the text "NORTH CENTRAL SARE" in green, a yellow sun icon, and a green field icon. Below this is the text "Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education" and the tagline "Advancing sustainable agriculture since 1988". At the bottom left of the logo area is a smaller version of the logo and the website "www.northcentral.sare.org". On the right is a photograph of a green tractor with a red seat and a blue frame, viewed from behind, driving through a field of tall, golden-brown crops. The background shows a line of trees and a blue sky with light clouds. A vertical credit line on the left side of the photo reads "Photo by Jerry DeWitt".

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

What is SARE?

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



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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.



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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, and a grassroots grant program. Our proposal review teams and our administrative council 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—try to avoid using jargon.

We look for projects with strong farmer/rancher or end-user involvement, and most projects are applied research projects.

SARE Outreach

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

media outreach

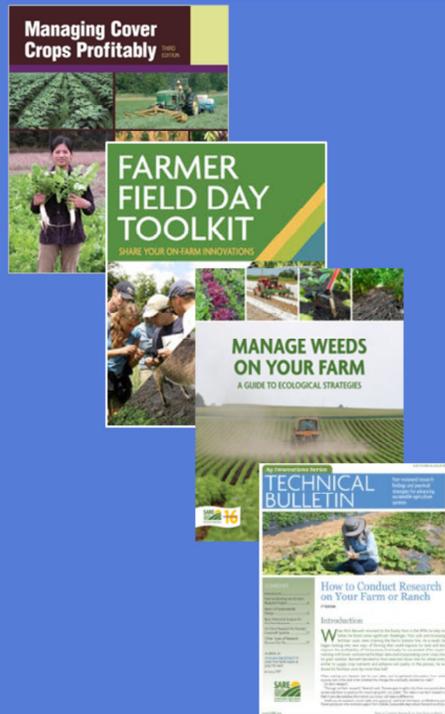
a portfolio of in-depth reports
on current topics

Topic rooms for multimedia
information

countless online resources,
including project reports



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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 Clean Energy and Water Conservation to Building Local and Regional Food Systems. These are available to view online or download as pdfs.

The SARE Model

Successful SARE grantees are engaged in projects that simultaneously address the “3Ps” of sustainability:

People – who depend on agriculture

Profit – over the long term

Protection – of the nation’s land and water

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Successful SARE grantees have projects that simultaneously address the 3Ps of sustainability—people, profit over the long term and protection of our resources.

The North Central SARE uses slightly different wording, but also highlights the “3Ps” of sustainability, in the NCR-SARE broad based outcomes, listed in the Call for Preproposals.

In your proposal, you should address how your project addresses each of these outcomes, even if it emphasizes one over the others. The outcomes are:

Improving the economic viability of farmers and associated agricultural businesses.

Sustaining and improving the environmental quality and natural resource base on which agriculture depends.

Enhancing the quality of life for farmers/ranchers, communities, and society as a whole.

Social Sustainability

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



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



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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

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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 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.

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Now I'd like to focus in on the North Central Region and the Research and Education grant program and how to prepare a preproposal

Research and Education Grant Program

Grants for up to \$250,000 total, 10% Indirect Costs allowed;
Can be up to 36 months
New long-term funding option
Can be research OR education, or demonstration projects
Proposals due October 13, 4:00 CDT
Invite 30 to 35 preproposals; fund 15-16 proposals
Funds available mid-fall, 2023

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These are the program basics. R&E grants are for up to \$250,000. Of that amount, 10% of direct costs can be taken by your institution as Indirect Costs.

At the preproposal level, in order to shorten the application, a budget is not required, you will just indicate the range of funding you're requesting. For most institutions, this means you don't have to go through your grants office. That said, you'll still have to roughly sketch out what you think it might take to do the project so that you can estimate costs.

Duration of these projects vary widely, but most are for 36 months.

This year we have a new long-term option that you can apply for, and I will explain more about that later.

Grants can be for research, OR education, or demonstration projects, but all have an outreach component.

Your preproposal must be submitted online by 4:00 p.m. CDT, on Thursday, the 13th of October.

Last year we received 107 preproposals and funded 16 proposals. This year we intend to invite 30 - 35 preproposals to be developed into full proposals, and

anticipate funding 15-16 proposals.

Our Administrative Council reviews the preproposals and makes decisions about which ones to invite to develop full proposals in January. All applicants are notified in late January or early February, and full proposals are due in April.

A different review committee reviews the full proposals and makes recommendations which the AC votes on in July, with funds available mid-fall, 2023.

Preproposal Review Process

Preproposals reviewed by Administrative Council members in groups based on expertise/topic.

Score on relevance to sustainable agriculture in our region, methods/approach, and farmer engagement.

Identify top 5-6 from each group, then whole AC discusses and votes on total slate.



photo credit: Francis John Hay

Preproposals are reviewed by our Administrative Council members in groups based loosely on expertise/topic. However, at the preproposal stage they are not evaluating the technical merit of the proposals, but looking at the concepts. The preproposal is reviewed with regard to its relevance to sustainable agriculture in our region, and farmer engagement in the project.

Successful Preproposals

**Demonstrate relevance to
North Central region and
Address NCR-SARE's three
broad-based outcomes
Involve farmers/ranchers
in project**



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Projects that come into this grant program can be quite different, but in general, successful projects clearly present the relevance of the proposed work to the north central region, and they clearly define their objectives and outcomes.

They address NCR-SARE's broad-based outcomes, and all successful research and education grant preproposals also demonstrate farmer/rancher involvement in the proposal, beyond just identifying farmers/ranchers as the targeted recipients of the information. Sometimes farmers have expressed the need for the research, or served as advisors in planning the project, or will be involved in implementing the project or disseminating the findings, but it's important to convey how they are or will be involved.

Successful Preproposals (cont)

Have clear outcomes



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Successful preproposals also have clearly defined Outcomes for their project. These are the impacts of your project—somewhat different from the results. The Outcomes are what will happen as a result of the project being completed. Last point I'll emphasize is that you should make sure that the budget is appropriate to the work.

Preproposal Application

Online submission
(link in Call for Preproposals)

Suggest you prepare as a word document, following questions in the Call for Preproposals. Then cut and paste into online system.



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The 2023 Call for Proposals contains all the questions you'll be asked to complete in the online system. We suggest that you prepare your proposal in a word processing program so that you can track your word counts, since all sections in the online proposal have word limits. Then you can cut and paste into the online system.

Long-term funding

- **Indicate long-term option on preproposal (preproposals compete with other long-term preproposals only)**
- **Include strong justification for why this research requires long-term funding**
- **For full proposal, initial 3-year cycle with budget with work plan for later cycles**
- **Funding for further cycles awarded if project proceeding as expected.**



Recognizing that some research/extension systems work is complex and requires a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that may take years to put in place, NCR SARE is offering a long-term funding option in the Research and Education grant program. Projects that apply under the long-term (more than 3 years) option in the preproposal will be asked to provide a strong justification for why this is a longer-term project and the estimated duration of the project. The justification might include the complexity of the set-up of the project or relationship building; the ecosystem processes at play; or need for longer-term data collection/analysis.

Reviewers will consider the long-term funding justification and decide if the project merits long-term funding, before inviting for a full proposal and comments shared with applicant. If the project is invited for a full proposal, the applicant will need to decide whether or not to pursue the long-term funding option, based on reviewer comments. If the long-term funding option is checked, the project will be reviewed and considered for long-term funding or no funding at all.

If invited to complete a full proposal, and the applicant checks the long-term funding option, they will complete a typical proposal application, requesting funding at no more than the standard cap of \$250,000 for the first three year funding period, and your proposal budget will be for that amount, but applicants will complete an additional segment that provides a projected work plan for a second (and third, if

needed) three-year cycle.

Funded long-term projects will receive funding in three-year increments (contingent on NCR- SARE receiving funding.) Each additional increment of funding will be dependent on satisfactory performance in the first round based on: reports submitted in a timely manner with yearly objectives and milestones reported on and met, site visits, and an adequate work plan for the next phase.

There are no priorities for long-term projects, but some examples of types of project topics that could be considered long-term include: soil/water quality enhancement or degradation, agro- forestry, integrated crop-livestock systems, participatory action research, pest resistance mitigation, and climate adaptation.

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Research and Education Grant



About the Research and Education Grant Program

The North Central Region SARE (NCR-SARE) Research and Education (R&E) Grant Program is a competitive grant program for researchers and educators involved in projects that explore and promote environmentally sound, profitable, and socially responsible food and/or fiber systems.

Research and Education projects include a strong outreach component and significant farmer/rancher or other end-user involvement from the inception of the idea through the implementation of the project. Generally:

- Research and Education grant awards range from \$10,000 to \$250,000.
- Projects may last up to 36 months or may choose to propose a long-term project.
- NCR-SARE anticipates funding 10-14 Research and Education projects per year.
- The NCR-SARE Administrative Council makes Grant-making decisions.

Research and Education Call for Proposals

There is no open call at this time.

[View Sample Call](#)

Click on Research and Education Call for Preproposals



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If you navigate to the Grants page, and click on Research and Education grants, you 'll find information about the this grant program and access to download the Call for proposals.

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

Home » NCR-SARE Grants » Apply for a Grant

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



Open Grant Programs

Each grant program has its own timeline. Check to see which programs are open at this time.

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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.

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Cover



- **Title, Project Description**
- **Start and End Dates**
- **Whether your project will focus on socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers**
- **Funding Request range**
- **Project Focus (Research OR Education/Demonstration)**
- **Long-term funding option?**
- **Systems category and Commodity category**
- **Institutional information**



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Once you've entered the online application system, you'll complete the information requested for a cover page.

Your title should be descriptive but not too long.

and you'll be asked to enter your Start and End dates—remember that your project cannot begin before November 1, 2023.

The Project Coordinator is the person running the project, and they will be our primary contact--basically the principal investigator for the project. Note that we require you to designate one lead for the project, although you can name additional people as other collaborators in the section about Team members.

You'll also be asked to categorize your proposal as to whether it is primarily a research project, or an education/demonstration project, and whether you are applying under the long-term funding option. We also ask you to identify a systems or practices category, and a commodity category. This is primarily for cataloguing projects for our purposes, and you'll choose from drop down lists in the online system.

Impact on Sustainable Agriculture in the North Central Region

How do your project outcomes align with NCR-SARE's proposed outcomes?

- Improving the economic viability of farmers and associated agricultural businesses.
- Sustaining and improving the environmental quality and natural resource base on which agriculture depends.
- Enhancing the quality of life for farmers/ranchers, communities, and society as a whole.



A critical aspect of the preproposal is to indicate how your project outcomes align with NCR-SARE broad-based outcomes:

Even if your project focuses one of these outcomes, you should indicate how the outcomes might impact all three.

Improving the economic viability of farmers and associated agricultural businesses.

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Preproposal Body

- **Project Summary**
- **Objectives/Outcomes**
- **Relevance to sustainable agriculture in our region**
- **Method/Approach**

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In preparing your preproposal, these will be the major headings, and note the designated word limits for each section.

I'll say a little bit more about defining your project outcomes, but basically, these are what you expect will happen as a result of doing your project. The method/approach will give a brief summary of how you plan to approach the research problem, or implement the education program.

One of most important parts of your preproposal is to describe how is the proposed work is relevant to sustainable agriculture in our region. How does it solve a problem or issue?

You should also give reviewers an idea of the extent of the problem, or the reach your project may have by estimating the number of acres affected, or the size or value of the livestock or crop industry affected in the north central region.

In this section you'll want to refer to past SARE projects and explain either how your project builds on that work, or how your project differs from work that's been done in the area.

Outcomes

Education Project: Post-harvest handling workshops

Learning Outcomes: Farmers will learn post harvest handling and packing techniques for sales to institutions.

Action outcomes: Farmers will use post harvest techniques and increase sales to institutions



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To define your project outcomes—think about what you want to happen as a result of you completing this project. Learning outcomes can happen fairly quickly, and are things like changes in awareness, skills, knowledge or attitude; action outcomes are changes in behavior, practice or decision-making, and those are the outcomes that might achieve at the end of your project.

So as an example: for an education project on post-harvest handling with farmers as the target audience. Your learning outcomes might be that farmers will learn post harvest handling and packing techniques—so will increase both their awareness of specific requirements from institutional buyers, and increased knowledge about those techniques. The Action Outcomes might be that farmers will use post harvest techniques and increase sales to institutions.

<h1>Outcomes</h1>	
<p>Research Project: Landscape diversity influence on vegetable crop pollinator population</p>	
<p>Learning Outcomes: Farmers will learn how diverse landscape influences number and type of pollinators.</p>	
<p>Action Outcomes: Farmers will use biodiverse plantings to increase pollinator population.</p>	
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For a research project that looks at how landscape diversity affects the pollinator population, a learning outcome might be that farmers will learn how diverse landscapes affects the number of pollinators—that will be the information generated from the research.

An action outcome will be that farmers plant diverse landscape strips in the hopes of increasing pollinator populations, a change in farmer behavior. We realize that if your project is primarily research, and you are collecting data for 2-3 years in order to share the results with farmers, it's unlikely that you'll see farmer adoption within the three year term of your project, so you might not be able to measure those action outcomes.

Preproposal Body

- **Team Members**
- **Farmer Rancher Involvement**
- **Statement regarding resubmitted ideas**



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These are additional sections required in your proposal, and details about what we are looking for in each of these sections are outlined in the Call for Preproposals.

Go to : projects.sare.org

SARE Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Projects

Projects What We Do

SARE Grant Management System

This site is where the results and activities from [SARE](#) funded projects are reported and ap

[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.

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Now I'd like to run through a few of the screen shots from the new 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.

Applicant Registration

SARE grants are only available to people and organizations or institutions in the US, its 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*

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*

Race*

Sex*

Year of birth (optional)

I'm not a robot

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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".

The image shows two screenshots of a web application interface for applying for grants. The top screenshot, titled "Apply For A Grant", displays a "My proposals" section with three expandable regional options: "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), and "Western" (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, AS, FM, GU). A red arrow points to the "North Central" option. The bottom screenshot, also titled "Apply For A Grant", shows the "North Central" region selected. A specific grant program, "2023 North Central Research and Education Grant - Pre-proposal", is highlighted with a red circle and a red arrow. Below the title, it shows the closing date: "Closes October 13, at 4:00 pm CDT" and a message: "You have 1 existing proposal for this grant". A "Begin a new proposal" button is visible at the bottom.

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

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,

Apply For A Grant

My proposals

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

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Closes

You have **1** existing proposal for this grant

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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 Research and Education Grant Pre-proposal application.

Manage Grant Applications

« My Proposals

2023 North Central Research and Education Grant – Pre-proposal

No Project Title * ←

Missing Project Description * ←

Project Coordinator
Erin Schneider

Your new grant application was created

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

Cover

*** Proposed Start Date**
Your project cannot start prior to November 1, 2023.

[Edit Answer](#)

*** Proposed End Date**
Your project cannot exceed 36 months.

[Edit Answer](#)

*** Resubmission?**
Did you submit this project as a full proposal in a previous year?

[Edit Answer](#)

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Click on “Edit Answer” to complete the requested information—this fills in a “cover page” for your proposal. You will save the answer to each question as it is completed. **The system does not store information until you hit “Save.”**

The screenshot shows the 'Cover' page of a SARE proposal. At the top left, a box labeled 'To return to main page' has a red arrow pointing to the '< Proposal Overview' button. Below this, a box states 'Required completed questions are marked with a green check.' The page content includes three required questions, each with a green checkmark and an 'Edit Answer' button: 'Proposed Start Date' (with a note that the project cannot start prior to November 1, 2023), 'Proposed End Date' (with a note that the project cannot exceed 36 months), and 'Resubmission?' (with the question 'Did you submit this project as a full proposal in a previous year?'). The SARE logo and website URL 'www.northcentral.sare.o' are visible at the bottom left.

Answer each question by clicking on “edit answer” and saving your answer. 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

◀ My Proposals

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Arts-based Research Practices to unearth why we farm the way we farm

Ash's honeyed scent Stripped in mid-air Listen to its tinder Lyrics, ablaze which Borers did not spare

Project Coordinator

Erin Schneider

View Proposal

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Submitted ✓

✓ Cover

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*** Project Summary**

A brief summary of the contents of your preproposal. The Summary should include a brief description of the problem and of the approach/methods proposed. It should include an abbreviated version of your proposed project outcomes, and a statement about how the outcomes are relevant to farmers and ranchers in the North Central Region.

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*** Project Objectives/Outcomes**

List the project objectives, and learning and action outcomes expected from your project activities. Learning outcomes are changes in the knowledge, awareness, skills, and attitudes of participants. Action outcomes include changes in the behavior or practices of the intended audience. You may also list system or condition change outcomes, which will eventually result from your project, even though those outcomes are longer-term outcomes and would be unlikely to occur within the one- to three-year period of your project. Specify the audience that will be involved in the project or that will use project results.

For more information about defining outcomes, see presentation about applying for a grant at <https://northcentral.sare.org/>

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*** Relevance**

Explain how your project will solve a problem or address an issue significant to agricultural sustainability in the North Central Region.

Who will benefit? Tell how your approach is different from or superior to other ways to reach your objectives or proposed outcomes, as well as how it is different from or complementary to other projects that SARE has funded on this subject. (You can use the national projects database on the SARE website <https://projects.sare.org> to search for information on other SARE-funded projects.) If your project will use genetically engineered varieties or organisms, state how their use will contribute to your project and make agriculture more sustainable

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Timeline 2023 R&E Program Grant Cycle

Oct. 13, 2022	Preproposals due online by 4:00 pm CDT
<i>Feb. 2023</i>	Applicants notified whether they are invited to submit a full proposal.
<i>April 2023</i>	Full proposals due
<i>July 2023</i>	Technical Committee makes funding recommendation to Administrative Council.
<i>Aug. 2023</i>	Award offers sent.
<i>Aug/Sept 2023</i>	Budgets reviewed and grant contracts finalized
<i>Nov. 2023</i>	Funds available
<i>March 1, 2025</i>	2023 Annual report due (unless project ends prior to December, 2024)
<i>Project end date</i>	Final report due 60 days after project end date



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Questions?

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