

Farmer Grant Program



SUMMARY

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education's (SARE) Farmer Grant Program offers grants to farmers to explore new concepts in sustainable agriculture through various research and education techniques.

- Administered by Northeast SARE with University of Vermont
- Annual Funding (2022): \$750,000/year
- Funding Source: Federal – USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FEATURES

Projects address issues that affect farming with long-term sustainability in mind.

Awards range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

Most projects run for one year, but multiyear projects up to 3 years are accepted.

Program accepts all types and scales of farms: large and small, organic and conventional, urban and rural, etc.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

All commercial farm business owners and farm employees in the Northeast region of the US. Must meet US Census of Agriculture definition of a farm.

Eligible Costs

Experiments, surveys, prototypes, on-farm demonstrations. Topics include marketing and business, crop production, raising livestock, aquaculture, social sustainability, and climate-smart ag practices.

Funds can be used for labor, materials and supplies, travel, equipment purchase and rental, and producing publications.

Funds cannot be used to start or expand farm businesses.

HELPFUL TIPS

Competitive proposals explore new ideas and techniques or apply known ideas in new ways or with new communities.

All projects must enlist a technical advisor. A letter of commitment from a technical advisor is required for the application.

Awards to be announced late February 2023.

All projects must be completed by November 30, 2026.

HOW TO APPLY

Application Period: October 1, 2022 – November 15, 2022 at 5pm.

Contact: PA State SARE Coordinator – Nicole Santangelo Thompson at 716-307-6188 ext. 102 or nls18@psu.edu.

For more information see [Farmer Grant Program](#).

Apply via [SARE Grant Management System](#).



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