



North Central SARE Farmer/Rancher Grant

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Farmer/Rancher Grant

These grants are for farmers to explore innovative sustainable agriculture solutions to production, marketing, labor, and more. Sustainable agriculture practices are tested through on-farm research, education, or demonstration projects and results are shared with other farmers.

<https://northcentral.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/farmer-rancher-grant/>



Examples of Grants

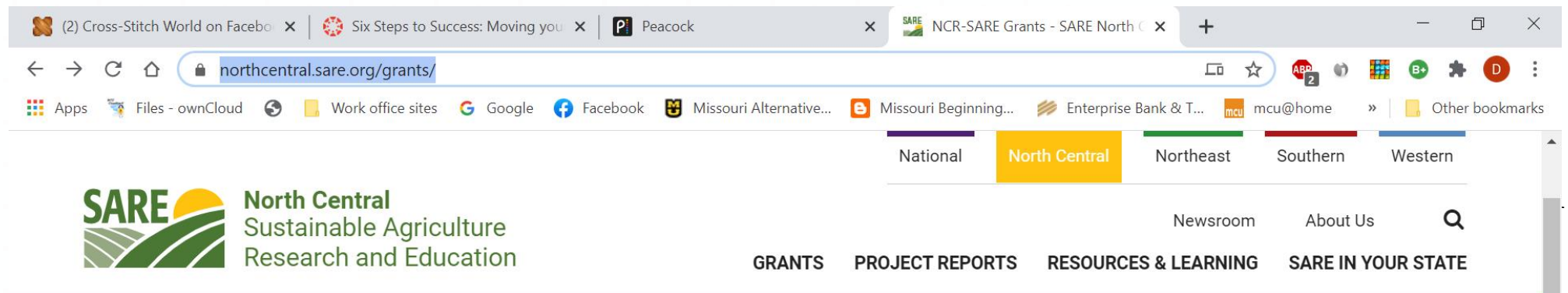
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Rotational Grazing
- Soil Erosion Control
- Water Quality Improvements
- Cover Crops
- Crop Diversity
- Nutrient Management
- Value Added & Direct Marketing
- Organic Agriculture
- Systems Approach to Farming





Guidelines

- On-farm research, demonstration and/or educational projects
- Funding for 23 months
- 2021 - \$720,000 total funds available
 - Individual – \$9,000
 - Team – 2 farms; \$18,000
 - Group – 3 or more farms; \$27,000





Guidelines

Farmer – someone who raises crops or livestock, especially as a business.

- Team and Group Grant farmer participants must be separate farms.
- Team and Group Grant must designate a project coordinator.





Successful Proposals

- Clearly define problem
- Involve cooperators
- Measure project outcomes
- Emphasize outreach
- Demonstrate a good fit with SARE's mission





Proposal Sections

- Project proposal
- Budget with item descriptions and justification
- Letter of support
- Confirmation of commitment (Team and Group only)





Proposal Evaluation

- Project leader or team (10%)
- Project design (30%)
- Contribution to the growth of sustainable agriculture (15%)
- Outreach (20%)
- Evaluation (15%)
- Appropriate budget (10%)





Budget (allowed)

- Personnel
- Materials and supplies needed for the project (seed, fertilizer, portable fencing or other farming inputs, etc.)
- Travel (\$0.575/mile)
- Other direct costs (consultants, communications, conferences/meetings/workshops, speaker/trainer fees, copies, supplies)
- Equipment/permanent fencing, perennial seeds and plants (up to 50% of the cost of these items with justification)



Budget (not allowed)

- Not for everyday farming expenses
- Starting or expanding a farm or farm operation
- Equipment costing more than \$5,000
- Capital expenses (land, general farm improvements, construction of buildings, greenhouses, etc.)
- Permanent improvement to a farm, such as constructing or remodeling a building, permanent fencing, etc.
- Any meal that does not maintain the continuity of a meeting
- Testing of specific commercial products



2021 Grant Cycle

December 3, 2020 – Proposal due

Spring 2021 – Approximate date of start of grant between April 1 and May 1 (50% of funds available)

January 31, 2022 – Progress report due (35% funds available)

January 31, 2023 – Project end and final report due (15% funds, final payment)





Past Funded Projects

Past projects including summaries, highlights and reports
<https://projects.sare.org/search-projects/>

The screenshot displays the SARE Projects search interface. At the top, the SARE logo is accompanied by the text "Grants and Education to Advance Innovations in Sustainable Agriculture". Below this is a navigation bar with links: Grants, Project Reports, Learning Center, SARE In Your State, Events, Newsroom, and About SARE. The main search area includes a "Search" button and a "Sort by" section with radio buttons for Year (selected), Title, and Project Number, along with a "search tips" link. Below the sorting options are five search input fields: "Project Number", "Project Title", "Project Reports" (with a placeholder "search the content of all project reports"), "Region" (set to "All regions"), and "State" (set to "All States"). The browser's address bar shows the URL "projects.sare.org/search-projects/".



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