Western SARE
2021 Funding Opportunities

2020 FALCON Meeting
October 22-23, 2020
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What is SARE?

A USDA-NIFA supported program to advance research and education on sustainable agriculture

• Decentralized, grassroots, science-based, applied research, competitive program
• Includes researchers, educators, and producers
• Focuses on research and education/outreach

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What Makes Western SARE Unique?

_Agricultural producer-centered_
- Problem is identified by producers and researchers
- Producers are involved in all stages of a project

_Address three legs of sustainable agriculture_
- Environmental stewardship
- Economic sustainability
- Well being of rural communities
2020-21 Competitive Grant Programs

- Research & Education: $3,006,587
- Farmer-Rancher: $440,227
- Professional + Producer: $440,227
- Grad Student grants: $365,227
- PDP Competitive Grants: $849,008
- Research to Grassroots: $283,003
## 2020-21 Submitted vs. Awarded

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<th>Program</th>
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<td>Research and Education</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>Farmer/Rancher</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td>Professional + Producer</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>Graduate Students</td>
<td>35</td>
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<td>Professional Development</td>
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<td>Research to Grassroots</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>9</td>
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Research and Education

Proposals must include a researcher, an educator, and at least three producers

Funds up to $350,000 for up to three years

Pre-proposals due May 20, 2021

Invited full proposals due November, 2021

Selection and notification, March 2022
Farmer Rancher

Proposals must include a producer and an agricultural professional (technical advisor)

Funds up to $25,000 for one producer, $29,900 for 3 or more producers

Proposals due November, 2021

Selection and notification, March 2022
Professional + Producer

Proposals must include an agricultural professional and at least five producers

Funds up to $75,000 for up to three years

Proposals due November, 2021

Selection and notification, March 2022
Graduate Students

Proposals must include a graduate student, advisor, and at least one producer

Funds up to $25,000 for up to two years

Proposals due February 9, 2021

Selection and notification, July 2022
Professional Development Program

Proposals must include an agricultural producer and producers

Funds up to $100,000 for up to three years

Proposals due November 11, 2020

Selection and notification, April 2021
Research to Grassroots

Proposals must include an agricultural producer, researcher, and producers

Funds up to $75,000 for up to three years

Proposals due November 18, 2020

Selection and notification, April 2021
# Examples of Funded Projects

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Year</th>
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<td>GS</td>
<td>2017</td>
<td>Navajo Spinach (Cleome Serrulata): Improving Seed Germination from Wild Populations Gathered across Native Lands of the Four Corners</td>
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<td>FR</td>
<td>2018</td>
<td>Comparative Benefits of using Chicken Tractors in Banana Plantations in American Samoa</td>
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<td>PDP</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>Enhancing Enterprise Diversification Assessment for Native American Farmers to Enhance Economic Sustainability</td>
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<td>R2GR</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>Potter Valley Tribe’s Native Mushroom Cultivation from Waste Byproduct Substrate for Food Sovereignty</td>
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Western SARE provides grants in several categories. Each of these grants is available at specific times of the year. Applying online for a grant is a simple step-by-step process. Please read each grant's specific Calls for Proposals.

**Farmer/Rancher**
With the support and guidance of a technical advisor, farmers and ranchers will integrate research and education to conduct on-site/on-farm experiments to improve production, marketing, and the environment.

**Productores Agrícolas**
Con la ayuda de un asesor técnico, productores agrícolas de la región oeste de los Estados Unidos podrán diseñar e implementar un proyecto de investigación de campo (en granja y/o huerta) y difusión educativa para
Producers, agriculture professionals and researchers awarded Western SARE grant funds have found wide-ranging outcomes that can help farmers and ranchers sustain their operations and the environment in which they operate. As part of the contract for receiving SARE funds, project investigators provide progress and final reports on their research efforts. These reports list the contact information, the participants and their cooperators. They summarize project findings and outline objectives, research methods and results.

Search past and current project summaries from all four SARE regions. Clicking this link will take you to the national SARE projects database.
SARE Outreach

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**a library** of practical, how-to books (free)

**a portfolio** of project reports

**countless** online resources, factsheets and bulletins

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Opportunities to be involved with SARE

Serve as a grant application reviewer

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Regional SARE Administrative Councils
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Thank you!

Questions?