

Professional Development Grant Application

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program** offers farmer-driven grants and education programs that focus on the principles of sustainable agriculture. Grants for SARE funding from the National SARE Program are available to **farmers/ranchers, researchers, extension agents, educators, and graduate students** within the United States only. More information can be found here: www.sare.org/grants/

The **South Carolina SARE Program** offers grants to ag. professionals through the **SARE Professional Development Program (PDP)**. These grants facilitate training of ag. professionals who will in turn be responsible for delivering trainings and demonstrations to farmers, small business owners, homeowners, students, etc. SC SARE is co-coordinated by the **Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service** and the **SC State 1890 Extension Program**.

Criteria for PDP funding from the South Carolina SARE Program:

- Maximum amount awarded \$1,000
- Funding is strictly limited to events related to sustainable agriculture
- Events utilizing SC SARE PDP funds must be located in South Carolina*
**with the exception of providing travel reimbursement to SC individuals attending a relevant conference in another state*
- Ag. professionals offering training events utilizing SC SARE PDP funds must make the event open to farmers, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), extension agents, and other ag. professionals
- SC SARE PDP funds can be used for training expenses such as travel/speaker fees, venue rental, lunch, educational materials, seed, electronics, small equipment, etc.

Examples of topical areas that SARE grants can address:

- On-farm renewable energy
- Pest and weed management
- Pastured livestock and rotational grazing
- No-till and conservation tillage
- Cover crops
- High tunnels and season extension
- Crop rotations
- Marketing
- Sustainable communities
- Integrated systems
- Pollinators
- Local and regional food systems
- Small ruminants
- and more

If your proposal meets the above criteria, please proceed with the application below

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Project Title: _____

Institution(s): _____

Project Leader(s): _____

Co-leader(s): _____

Primary Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

Funds Requested (Max \$1,000): \$ _____ Expected Project Completion Date: _____

Is this a renewal? _____ If yes, number of years project was previously funded: _____

Other leveraged grant support for this project:

Justification:

Project Overview:

What issue does this project address?

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Objectives:

Current Progress (if previously funded, please summarize. Annual report should give details):

Proposed Training/Research:

How will these funds be used (speaker travel/fees, venue rental, supplies, etc.)?

Program Timetable:

Expected Accomplishments/Results:

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What will indicate these results?

Budget?

Planned Activities or Subject Material Covered:

Additional Information:

Please submit your application to: jwindha@clemson.edu

Alternatively, applications can be mailed to:

SC SARE

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