

## What is SARE?

Since 1988, the Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) program has been the go-to USDA grants and outreach program for farmers, ranchers, researchers and educators who want to develop innovations that improve farm profitability, protect water and land, and revitalize communities. To date, SARE has awarded over \$406 million to more than 8,803 initiatives.

### **SARE is grassroots with far-reaching impact**

Four regional councils of expert practitioners set priorities and make grants in every state and island protectorate.

### **SARE communicates results**

SARE shares project results by requiring grantees to conduct outreach and grower engagement; and by maintaining an online library of practical publications, grantee-produced information products and other educational materials.



[www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)

## SARE: Advancing the Frontier of Sustainable Agriculture in...

# Washington, D.C.

**Project Highlight: Women for the Land: New Voices for Conservation and Water Quality in Virginia**

The American Farmland Trust (AFT) is enacting a new program that is designed to provide women in agriculture with the resources they need to be successful. Over the years, the population of female farmers has significantly increased, with about one third of the nation's farmland currently managed by women. Research suggests that this number is only going to increase, with an estimated seventy percent of the nation's farmland to be operated by women in the next twenty years. Despite their growing numbers, women are underrecognized for their tremendous contribution to farming and are fundamentally underserved by the programs that provide farmers with advice, funds and resources. To address this, the American Farmland Trust obtained a SARE grant to fund an educational program designed specifically for women to learn how to incorporate sustainable agriculture practices on their farms.

The AFT invited women agricultural landowners to engage in a three-part learning program about local conservation agencies and how to integrate sustainable farm practices on their land. The program used participatory, women-only Learning Circles designed to build confidence and to empower women to take conservation action. The participants were also provided with an abundance of resources on how to maintain a sustainable yet profitable production strategy. Over the course of this project, fifty six women successfully completed the program, with several of them going on to successfully implement the strategies and practices they learned. This project provides a model for how other organizations can actively include women in the agricultural field while increasing conservation efforts.

For more information on this project, see [sare.org/projects](http://sare.org/projects) and search for project number EDS19-304.

## SARE in Washington, D.C.

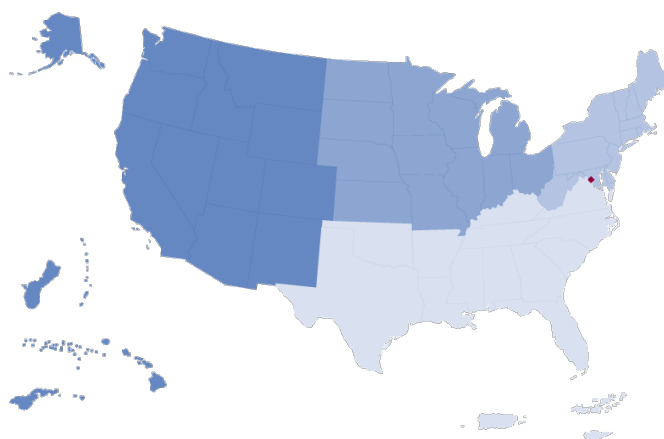
[northeast.sare.org/state-profiles/washington-d-c/](http://northeast.sare.org/state-profiles/washington-d-c/)

**\$154,914**  
**in total funding**

**3 grant project**

(since 1988)

For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to [www.sare.org/state-summaries](http://www.sare.org/state-summaries)



# SARE in Washington, D.C.

## Grants awarded 2019-2024

Total awards: **3 grants**

- 1 Professional Development Program
- 1 Graduate Student
- 1 Education Only

Total funding: **\$154,914**

\$89,914 Professional Development Program  
\$15,000 Graduate Student  
\$50,000 Education Only

Find a complete list of projects on page 3.

## Farmer and rancher impacts 2019-2024

SARE grantees have reported the following impacts from their projects:

**161 farmers participated in a SARE-funded project**

**51 farmers reported a change in knowledge, awareness, skills or attitude**

**15 farmers changed a practice**



Learn about local impacts at:  
[northeast.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/washington-d-c/](https://northeast.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/washington-d-c/)

## Contact Your SARE State Coordinator

SARE sustainable ag coordinators run state-level educational programs for Extension and other ag professionals, and many help grant applicants and recipients with planning and outreach. Visit [northeast.sare.org/state-profiles/washington-d-c/](https://northeast.sare.org/state-profiles/washington-d-c/) to learn more.

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For detailed information on SARE projects, go to  
**[www.SARE.org](https://www.SARE.org)**

This report includes summaries of competitive grant programs only. Some competitive grant programs that are no longer offered may be included or excluded from the totals in this report depending on the grant program and SARE region.



## AGRICULTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

by USDA's  
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program

Washington, D.C. has been awarded \$449,371 grants to support 7 projects, including but not limited to, 4 research and/or education projects and 1 professional development project and . Washington, D.C. has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

### RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
LNE01-149	Community Incentives	\$79,577	Julie Adkisson Capital Area Food Bank
LNP00-003	Journey to Planet Earth	\$25,000	Marilyn Weiner Screenscope Inc.
LNP97-003	Journey to Planet Earth - "Land of Plenty-Land of Want"	\$49,880	Marilyn Weiner Screenscope Inc.
LNP96-003	Forces of Change	\$140,000	Annette Olson National Museum of History

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
ENC22-215	Expanding the OATS Training Pipeline for Organic Ag. Professionals with Locally-Focused On-Farm Events	\$89,914	Mallory Krieger Organic Trade Association

### GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
GNE20-233	Beyond the Fields Edge: Understanding How Adjacent Habitats Influence Ungulate Crop Damage	\$15,000	Keryn Gedan The George Washington University Justus Jobe, IV The George Washington University

### EDUCATION ONLY GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
EDS19-09	Women for the Land: New Voices for Conservation and Water Quality in Virginia	\$50,000	Jamie Mierau American Farmland Trust

**Total funding from the USDA SARE program to  
Washington, D.C.**

**\$449,371**

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For further information on projects, contact 802-651-8335 or [nesare@uvm.edu](mailto:nesare@uvm.edu).  
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