Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education

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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 $1.4 million to more than 16 initiatives [1].

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.

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 and search for project number EDS19-304.

SARE in Washington, D.C.

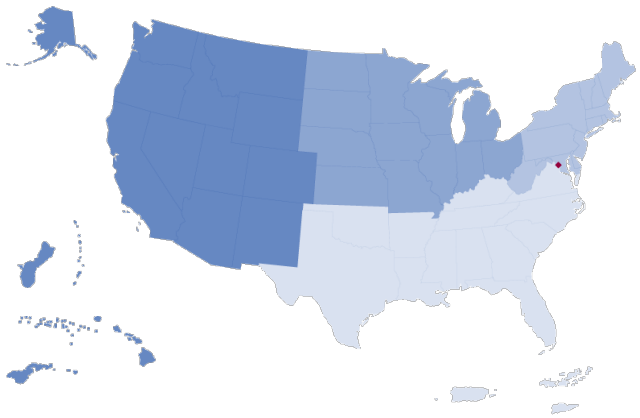
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$1,387,202 in total funding

16 grant projects

(since 1988 [1])

For a complete list of Washington, D.C. grant projects, go to projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/



[1] These totals reflect available data; complete information may not be available for all grant programs prior to 2016.

SARE in Washington, D.C., 2021–2026

This is a summary of recent SARE-funded activities and impacts in the state. To search all SARE projects visit projects.sare.org. For a list of all projects in Washington, D.C. visit projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/.

Grants awarded

Total awards: **7 grants**

1	Professional Development Program
1	On Farm Research/Partnership
3	PDP State Program [2]
2	Farming Community

Total funding: **$912,211**

$89,914	Professional Development Program
$16,302	On Farm Research/Partnership
$307,078	PDP State Program [2]
$498,917	Farming Community

[2] The Professional Development Program (PDP) State Program is a non-competitive award that funds the activities of the state coordinator(s). See more below.

For a complete list of Washington, D.C. awards, visit: projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/

Farmer and rancher impacts

SARE grantees have reported the following impacts from their projects:

315 farmers participated in a SARE-funded project

40 farmers changed a practice



Learn about local impacts at: 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/ to learn more.

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