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 $389 million to more than 8,542 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, granteeproduced 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.

northeast.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/washington-d-c

$234,491 in total funding

4 grant projects (since 1988)

For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to www.sare.org/state-summaries
SARE Grants in Washington, D.C.

Total awards: 4 grants
- 1 Research and Education
- 1 Education Only
- 1 Graduate Student
- 1 Professional Development Program

Total funding: $234,491
- $79,577 Research and Education
- $50,000 Education Only
- $15,000 Graduate Student
- $89,914 Professional Development Program

Find a complete list of projects on page 3.

SARE's Impact

53 percent of producers report using a new production technique after reading a SARE publication.

79 percent of producers said they improved soil quality through their SARE project.

64 percent of producers said their SARE project helped them achieve higher sales.

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-pages/washington, d.c. to learn more.

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For detailed information on SARE projects, go to www.SARE.org

SARE is funded by the USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

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 $234,491 grants to support 4 projects, including but not limited to, 1 research and/or education project and 1 professional development project and . Washington, D.C. has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

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Total funding from the USDA SARE program to Washington, D.C.
$234,491

For further information on projects, contact 802-651-8335 or nesare@uvm.edu.
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