

Professional Development Grants



Leading research or educating farmers/ranchers on the latest sustainable ag practices requires the expertise and knowledge from those in the agricultural industry who work directly with farmers.

The Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program offers a Professional Development Grant that provides sustainable ag education and outreach strategies to Extension specialists, U.S. Department of Agriculture staff, agricultural consultants, non-governmental organizations, and farmer trainers.

Activities, which may include seminars, farm tours, and marketing materials, are designed to train ag professionals in various facets of sustainable ag practices to enable them to better serve farmers and ranchers who wish to implement sustainable ag on their farms.

Who Can Apply?

Agricultural professionals such as Cooperative Extension, NRCS, FSA and other USDA staff, agricultural consultants, non-governmental organizations, farmer trainers and others.

What Activities are Eligible?

Training activities may include seminars, workshops,

Funding from the Professional Development Grants program makes it possible to train agricultural professionals on sustainable ag practices so they can better serve their farmer/rancher clients as they implement those practices on their farms.

farm tours, or on-farm demonstrations. Or they may develop, market and distribute training materials such as handbooks or videos. Activities may take place in a single state, multiple states or throughout the entire Southern region.

How Much will the Grants Fund?

There's no set amount, but training grants generally range from about \$20,000 to \$100,000.

Professional Development Grants Schedule

March	Call for PDF Grant Pre-proposals Released
June	PDP Grant Pre-proposals Due
November	PDP Full Proposals Due
February	Administrative Council Awards PDP Grants

For more information about Southern SARE and its grant opportunities, log on to <http://www.southernsare.org>.

Southern SARE administers several grant opportunities. The Professional Development Grants call for proposals is released each winter.

Calls for proposals and project reports are at www.southernsare.org



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