

# USDA Western SARE Professional Development Program (PDP) for Washington

*Administered by the WSU Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources (CSANR)*

The WSU Center for Sustaining Agriculture & Natural Resources administers the USDA Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Professional Development Program, offering financial assistance on a competitive basis. Proposals are accepted for *attending* an event for professional development that supports work related to agricultural sustainability.

**Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis and applicants are encouraged to submit proposals well ahead of event dates.** For attending grants, proposals are requested at least four weeks in advance.

The PI of each funded proposal will submit a report within one month of the attended event. A report template will be provided.

## Attending Grants – up to \$1000

**Eligible applicants:** *agricultural professionals including WSU Extension faculty and program staff, Natural Resource Conservation Services, and Conservation District personnel. Students are not eligible for this funding.*

**Grants of this type are essentially travel grants.** Ag professionals may apply for funds to attend events that will offer professional development such as conferences, workshops, trainings, etc. Applicants must explain how participation in the event will impact agricultural sustainability\*, and how they will disseminate what they learn to colleagues, producers, and others.

Funds may be used for domestic travel expenses (hotel, flight, mileage, per diem, etc.) and event registration. Other eligible expenses include publications, supplies, printing, and other needs associated with event attendance.

All eligible proposals will be reviewed, and priority will be given to proposals that:

- Demonstrate how staff other than the one receiving funds will benefit from the training
- Fund travel for program staff
- Utilize additional funds or other contributions
- Are submitted at least four weeks ahead of event date
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis until funds are expended
- Special consideration will be given to proposals focused on equity and/or the social dimension of sustainability\*

## Hosting

**Contact us for information on sustainable agriculture professional development partnerships.** CSANR has multiple pathways for event hosting and partnership, and we are happy to discuss further options. Contact Katie Doonan at [kathryn.doonan@wsu.edu](mailto:kathryn.doonan@wsu.edu), or Chad Kruger at [cekruger@wsu.edu](mailto:cekruger@wsu.edu).

### \*Agricultural Sustainability

Congress has defined sustainable agriculture as an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will over the long-term:

- Satisfy human food and fiber needs
- Enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agriculture economy depends
- Make the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on- farm resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls
- Sustain the economic viability of farm operations
- Enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole

### To Apply

Please use the application forms below to apply to the grant type of your choice. It will link to a Microsoft Form application. Please make sure to submit your response at the end. All questions can be addressed to Katie Doonan via email at [kathryn.doonan@wsu.edu](mailto:kathryn.doonan@wsu.edu).

[Attending Grant Proposal Form](#)