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2022 NCRCRD Small Grant Recipients

NCRCRD Small Grants support rural research and Extension projects of Land-grant Institutions in the 12 states of the North Central Region.

West Lafayette, Ind. – North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) is formally announcing the recipients of NCRCRD’s 2022 Small Grants. NCRCRD offers these grants to enhance the ability of Land-grant Institutions to positively influence the quality of life in rural areas of the twelve states in the North Central Region (NCR) of the United States.

Being a competitive, seed grant, the NCRCRD small grant supports the preliminary work necessary to develop extension programs, curricula, or the initial research for a larger project, as well as support for organizing conferences or presenting results of emerging rural issues.

Funds awarded range from \$25,000 - \$40,000 and all the projects relate to the Center’s three priority areas of work — Creating Resilient Communities and Economies, Developing Leadership and Civic Engagement, Promoting Community Health and Wellness. Because NCRCRD receives its core funding from the U. S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA NIFA), all grants have been reviewed and approved by the USDA for consistency with Federal guidelines.

The five recipients of the 2022 NCRCRD Small Grants are:

Principal Investigator: Dr. Allen Barton

Grant Title: Resilient Couples, Resilient Communities: Enhancing family and community well-being through sustainable, evidence-based programming for couples in the North Central Region

State: Illinois

Organization: University of Illinois

NCRCRD Priority Area: Promoting Community Health & Wellness

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jennifer Finders

Grant Title: Enhancing Cost Estimates of Rural Child Care in Indiana

State: Indiana

Organization: Purdue University

NCRCRD Priority Area: Creating Resilient Communities & Economies

Principal Investigator: Rial Carver
Grant Title: Supporting Rural Resilience Through the Rural Grocery Specialist Certificate
State: Kansas
Organization: Kansas State University
NCRCRD Priority Area: Creating Resilient Communities & Economies

Principal Investigator: Dr. Katherine Duggan
Grant Title: Translational Research in Rural Economic Development and Health Psychology: Sleep and Cardiovascular Health in a Meatpacking Community During COVID-19
State: North Dakota
Organization: North Dakota State University
NCRCRD Priority Area: Promoting Community Health & Wellness

Principal Investigator: Dr. James Bates
Grant Title: Gathering with Extension Professionals from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Tribal Colleges and Universities in the North Central Region to Seek Understanding and Create Collaborative Partnerships in Aging
State: Ohio
Organization: The Ohio State University
NCRCRD Priority Area: Developing Leadership & Civic Engagement

Upon completion of each grant, NCRCRD asks the Principal Investigator (PI) of each funded project to share project results or findings with the broader North Central region and beyond in a NCRCRD-hosted webinar.

NCRCRD list of grants and fellowships:

<https://ncrcrd.ag.purdue.edu/funding-opportunities/grants-and-fellowships/>

NCRCRD Webinar series: <https://ncrcrd.ag.purdue.edu/webinars/>

North Central Region's twelve states and the Land-grant Institutions:

<https://ncrcrd.ag.purdue.edu/who-we-are/land-grant-universities/>

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The North Central Regional Center for Rural (NCRCRD) is one of four Regional Rural Development Centers in the United States. NCRCRD's work links the research and educational outreach capacity of our region's 34 land-grant universities with our region's communities, local decision-makers, entrepreneurs, families, farmers, and ranchers to help address a wide range of development issues unique to our 12-state region. NCRCRD promotes regional collaboration by elevating the research and extension programs in our region; offering grant opportunities to support new and ongoing regional research, extension, and integrated activities; establishing a North Central Region dataset to encourage regional exploration; and creating networking opportunities through webinars, sponsorships, and making introductions between our partners. For more information, please visit <https://ncrcrd.org/>.

NCRCRD receives core funds from the U. S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA NIFA) as well as from the North Central Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (NCRA), North Central Cooperatives of Extension Association (NCCEA), and Purdue University, College of Agriculture.