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2023 NCRCRD Small Grants Recipients Announced

(West Lafayette, Ind., May 9, 2023). – North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 NCRCRD Small Grants for Rural Development Research and/or Extension Projects in the North Central Region.

NCRCRD offers small grants to enhance the ability of the North Central Region’s (NCR) thirty-four land-grant institutions to positively influence the quality of life in the region’s rural areas.

The small grants are competitive, seed grants, that support the preliminary work necessary to develop extension programs, curricula, or the initial research for a larger project, as well as organizing regional conferences or presenting results of emerging rural issues.

“We are very excited about the three projects that received an NCRCRD 2023 Small Grant. The project group is very diverse with each offering a thoughtful and unique approach to rural challenges,” shared Maria Marshall, NCRCRD Director.

All submissions are reviewed by the NCRCRD advisory committee and based on their recommendations, the NCRCRD board selects the final recipients. Because NCRCRD receives its core funding from the U. S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA NIFA), the grants are also reviewed and approved by the USDA for consistency with Federal guidelines.

Funds awarded can range from \$25,000 - \$40,000 and all projects must 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.

Please join the NCRCRD in congratulating the following Small Grant award recipients:

Grant Title: Leadership Chautauqua: Utilizing peer learning networks to revolutionize Extension’s approach to community leadership development systems

Principal Investigator: Lindsay Hastings, Ph.D.

Co-Principal Investigators: Mary Emery, Ph.D. and Jordan Rasmussen

State: Nebraska

Organization: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

NCRCRD Priority Area: Developing Leadership & Civic Engagement

Grant Title: Rural Family Caregiving: Building selfcare and resiliency of rural women family caregivers for older adults

Principal Investigator: Nasreen Lalani, Ph.D.

Co-Principal Investigator: Bhagyashree Katare, Ph.D.

State: Indiana

Organization: Purdue University

NCRCRD Priority Area: Promoting Community Health & Wellness

Grant Title: Emergency Preparedness for Rural Families

Principal Investigator: Jenna Nees

Co-Principal Investigator: Ann Kline

State: Indiana and Nebraska

Organization: Purdue University and University of Nebraska

NCRCRD Priority Area: Promoting Community Health & Wellness

Upon completion, NCRCRD asks the Principal Investigator of each funded project to share project results or findings with the broader North Central Region and beyond in an 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.