

Request for Proposals Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing Health and Safety Research



The Northeast Center (NEC) is one of eleven regional NIOSH research and outreach centers dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, fishermen and foresters in the United States. To meet these objectives, we collaborate with organizations throughout the Northeast to identify emerging occupational health and safety issues and develop solutions to mitigate identified occupational hazards.

PILOT PROJECT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The NEC will fund three \$15,000 mini-grants for one-year research projects.

We are looking for proposals that:

- Lay the groundwork for larger, multi-year projects
- Identify emerging health and safety issues in AgFF
- Identify innovative and effective means for reducing/eliminating workplace hazards

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: to be eligible, research or outreach activities should be conducted in ME, MA, NH, VT, CT, RI, DE, NY, PA, MD, NJ, or WV. Preference will be given to proposals that support the goals of the NEC. The mini-grant application form can be accessed at <http://www.necenter.org/activities/feasibility/>.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: July 8, 2019. For the selected project, the notice of grant award will be sent August 12, 2019 and the start date for the grant will be September 1, 2019.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL: Please send completed proposals, which include 1) the cover sheet, 2) the proposal form without identifiers, 3) the budget form, and 4) a biosketch or CV to Erika Scott, NEC Deputy Director, at erika.scott@bassett.org.

NOTE: Any questions can be directed to Erika Scott by phone or email. All NEC mini-grant recipients will need to obtain Human Subjects research approval. Recipients will also be required to share their research results at the annual NEC Research Retreat and to provide a final research report.

Please share this announcement with other researchers who may be interested in applying!

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2019 NEC Pilot Grant Application Instructions



- Please prepare in 12 point font
- Total length of Proposal Form narrative should be no more than four pages
- Do not identify yourself or your institution in the application

OBJECTIVES

Clearly state the research question or intervention goal. Please list the specific objectives leading to this outcome.

SIGNIFICANCE

Briefly describe the problem being addressed, its significance, what is known and not known about it, your past experience with this or similar projects. Cite literature to support your statements.

INNOVATION

Discuss what is innovative about the research project or how the issue has been recently identified and what its projected future impact will be.

RESEARCH STRATEGY

Each objective should have a clear and specific method. Please include an evaluation plan that analyzes program activities and outcomes, as well as a timeline that highlights each objective. Lastly, please list potential funding sources or mechanisms for future expansion of this project.

BUDGET

Please consider the following when completing the Budget Form:

- Indicate the proposed budget period on the Budget Form
- Allowable expenses include: personnel, supplies, travel, and small equipment
 - Participation incentives not to exceed \$500
- Salary cannot exceed \$10,000 total, including indirects

EXPECTATIONS FOR FUNDED PROJECTS

1. Responding to quarterly NEC Evaluation Surveys
2. Progress report (due March 2, 2020)
3. Close-out report due 3 months after grant end date (due November 27, 2020)
4. Peer-reviewed publication (proof of submission) or equivalent (e.g. proof of technology or practice that can be implemented) within 6 months of grant end date (due February 26, 2021)