

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



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The Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety (NEC) is one of eleven regional NIOSH research and outreach centers dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, fishermen and forestry workers 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.

## 2021 SMALL GRANT PROJECTS FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Northeast Center will fund two \$25,000 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 for those who work in agriculture, forestry and fishing.
- 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 Center's priority areas, including:

- Agriculture—machinery and livestock safety
- Logging—machinery safety and slips, trips, and falls
- Fishing—falls overboard and vessel disasters
  
- Access the mini-grant application form at <https://necenter.org/portfolio/small-grants-program/>

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION** is Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Notice of grant awards to selected projects will be sent Monday, August 9, 2021 and the grant will begin September 1, 2021.

## HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Please send completed proposals, which include **1)** the cover sheet, **2)** the proposal form, **3)** the budget form, and **4)** a biosketch or CV to Cindy Levene, Administrative Research Coordinator, at [lucinda.levene@bassett.org](mailto:lucinda.levene@bassett.org).

**QUESTIONS?** Contact to Cindy Levene at 800-343-7527 or the above email. All mini-grant recipients working with human subjects will need to obtain Human Subjects research approval. Recipients will also be required to share their research results at the Northeast Center's annual Research Retreat and to provide a final research report.

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

# Small Grant Projects Application Instructions

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Please prepare in 12-point font.

Total length of Proposal Form narrative should be no more than four pages.

## 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, and your experience with this or similar projects. Cite literature to support your statements and indicate which National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) strategic goal(s) your project fits into (see <https://www.cdc.gov/nora/councils/agff/research.html>).

## 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

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 \$20,000 total, including indirect costs

## EXPECTATIONS FOR FUNDED PROJECTS

1. Respond to quarterly Northeast Center Evaluation Surveys
2. Submit close-out report 3 months after grant end date (due November 30, 2022)
3. Submission to a peer-reviewed publication (proof of submission required) or project-relevant equivalent (e.g. proof of technology or practice that can be implemented) within 6 months of grant end date (due February 28, 2023)