



*coordinated by the Northeast Center for Occupational Health
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2026-2027 Mini-Grant Application

What is NEASHC? The Northeast Ag Safety and Health Coalition (NEASHC) is a professional development and networking program supporting Agricultural Safety & Health across the Northeast. Designed for farm safety and health educators and stakeholders from Maine to West Virginia, NEASHC provides opportunities for networking, professional development, and collaboration. The group meets virtually each quarter and in person annually, where members share innovative and time-tested training methods, exchange ideas, and learn from one another's specialized expertise. In-person meetings include demonstrations, brainstorming sessions, and hands-on training focused on a variety of agricultural safety and health topics. Membership is free. Sign up here: <https://necenter.org/neashc-member-login/>

What are NEASHC Mini-Grants? The NEASHC Mini-Grant is an opportunity for states in the Northeast to receive a \$1,000 award for activities that promote agricultural safety and health in rural communities across the region. Examples of mini-grant projects include, but are not limited to, the following: health screenings (e.g., tetanus shots, skin cancer screenings), farm safety day, building an ag safety demonstration, and constructing a safe play area demonstration.

Application guidelines:

- *Eligibility:* Any organization that provides a safety- or health-related service, outreach, or education to people in rural and/or agricultural areas.
- *Collaborating Requirements:* Applicants must work with a NEASHC State Representative (listed in the Coalition Member Directory: <https://necenter.org/portfolio/training-for-trainers/>). (You may want to consider collaborating with an outside organization if your organization has high in-kind costs.)
- *Administrative Requirement:* Sign a short, temporary contract with Bassett Healthcare/Northeast Center, and provide a W9.

Grant Awards: Bassett Healthcare/Northeast Center will distribute grant checks approximately six to eight weeks after award notifications are issued and all administrative requirements have been received.

Mini-Grant Timeline

- Request for Applications: September 1, 2026
- Application Due: October 31, 2026

- Notification of Awards: Early December 2026
- Project Completion Deadline: No later than August 31, 2027
- Closeout report is due 60 days after completion of your project.

Grant Deliverables

- Present your project at a NEASHC quarterly Zoom meeting within 6 months after the completion of the project. Presentations will be approximately 10 minutes.
- Provide a two-page closeout report that includes an overview of the project, impact, and at least 4 photos.
- Include signed photo release provided to you by Bassett Medical Center/Northeast Center.

Questions about the NEASHC and the mini grant can be directed to Pauline Boyer at pauline.boyer@bassett.org or Linda Fetzer at lmf8@psu.edu.

Application Rules

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on October 31, 2026, via email to Pauline Boyer at pauline.boyer@bassett.org.

The application is limited to four pages, and you should use a minimum font size of 12.

Preference will be given to those applications that do not include indirect costs.

To make this process as easy as possible, you do have some flexibility in your grant application layout; however, all applications MUST include all the following:

Title of Project:

Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Organization Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Are you a NEASHC member?

Yes or No (If not, follow the link at the top of Page 1 to sign up to be a member prior to submitting the application.)

Name of the NEASHC State Representative with whom you are working on this project?

Description/Summary of Project (500 words or fewer)

What is the importance to the agricultural community? How does this project meet the needs of the agricultural community?

Project Timeline

Provide a detailed description of the timeline that includes preparation, purchasing of products/services, events, etc.) *Example heading to use for timeline:*

- *Grant notification*
- *Planning phase*
- *Event*
- *Reporting*
- *Submission*

Proposed Impact (250 words or less)

Outline the outputs and outcomes for this project.

- *Example Output – Dermatologist completed 30 skin cancer screenings.*
- *Example Outcome – Five people were referred to their physician*

Proposed Budget

Outline, in detail, how the funds will be used for this project. Examples of budget categories include the following:

- Salary/stipend (e.g., guest speaker, dermatologist, etc.)
- Travel
- Materials and supplies (e.g., tetanus shots, materials to build a demonstration, educational handouts, etc.)
- Any other expenses incurred during this project.

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- Examples of previously completed applications can be provided upon request.

*States included in NEASHC: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia.

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