

FRSAN-NE Cohort Project Funds Application

Request for Proposals for Cohort Project Support through Northeast Farm and Ranch Stress Development Network

Funding is currently available to assist FRSAN-NE cohorts in supporting our network.

Cohorts are communities of practice to connect Network Members and to provide a forum for sharing, learning, assessing gaps/needs, and collaboratively identifying and developing trainings and resources relevant to their audiences, geographies, professional affiliations, etc. or other needs.

Cohort Projects are intended to increase the capacity of service providers to address stress and mental health needs among Northeast farming communities. Cohorts are each allotted \$25,000, unless otherwise decided, for these projects. A Cohort may use these funds for one project totaling \$25,000 or for several projects that together total \$25,000 (for example, 5 projects for \$5,000 each). These funds may be used to bring speakers to the Network, work with facilitators, hire contractors, develop trainings, or other numerous purposes.

When developing a project, please align with the FRSAN-NE vision and mission:

Vision: *The Northeast Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN-NE) envisions a future where diverse farming and ranching communities in the Northeast are seamlessly connected to accessible, culturally-competent, timely, and effective mental behavioral health care and stress assistance programs that support the well-being and livelihoods of agricultural producers, workers, and their families.*

Mission: *The Northeast Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN-NE) is building an inclusive network of service providers dedicated to advancing the mental behavioral, emotional, social, and financial well-being of agricultural producers, workers, and their families through innovative, accessible and effective mental health care and stress assistance programs. The Network relies on peer-to-peer knowledge and shared learning to prioritize timely, culturally-competent and farmer/farmworker-informed resources that support thriving farming communities in the Northeast.*

In addition, proposals should address physical and/or digital accessibility, language justice, anti-oppression and cultural competency.

Cohorts may submit proposals to the Project Manager on a rolling basis through Friday, July 2nd.

The Cohort Leader should submit the Proposal using the submit button at the bottom of this form. The Project Manager will review the Cohort Proposal, who may seek needed feedback from the Advisory Team. The Project Manager will respond to the Cohort Leaders within two weeks about the next steps, including revisions or introductions to the Grant Manager and Evaluators.

Projects that exceed \$10,000 will require additional documentation; this information will be provided by the Grant Manager.

For reporting purposes, the Cohort Leader will be responsible for coordinating financial information tracking and outcome information tracking for Cohort Projects. These metrics will depend on the Cohort Project and will be made available by the Grant Manager and/or Evaluator upon project proposal

approval. The Cohort Leader will submit reports as follows:

- June 15th, for activity conducted March-May 2021
- September 15, for activity conducted June-August 2021

Cohorts will be invited to share their Cohort Project in FRSAN-NE Quarterly Calls and/or monthly Newsletter.

Any Cohort Project funds not allocated by July 30th will be reallocated to other FRSAN-NE projects to ensure fully spend down of FRSAN-NE funds. Project must be completed by September 1, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY: FRSAN-NE network members, and current or new collaborators.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Rolling until Friday, July 2, 2021.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Each cohort is allotted \$25,000. It can be for one project or several projects that together total \$25,000.

CONTACTS:

For programming questions, contact Jac Wypler, Project Manager, at jac@youngfarmers.org.

For reporting and cohort budget inquiries, please contact Sonia Sullivan, Grant Manager, at sonia@youngfarmers.org.

When emailing, please include "FRSAN-NE [name of cohort] COHORT RFP INQUIRY" in your subject line.

Cohort/Applicant Information

Cohort Leader's Name *

First Name Last Name

Cohort Name *

Cohort Leader's Email *

example@example.com

Cohort Leader's Phone Number *

Area Code Phone Number

Project Information

Cohort Project Title *

Have you previously applied for funding for this project? *

Yes

No

Overview *

Provide a brief overview of your proposed project in 500 words or less. Focus on the who, what, where, when and why of this project.

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How aligned to FRSAN-NE's goals is your project? *

Not Aligned Somewhat Aligned Aligned

Goal 1: Establish deep, interdisciplinary, working connections between members, including agricultural service providers, mental health service providers, and farmer peer support providers, so they can learn from one another and make effective referrals to the farmers with whom they work

Goal 2: Identify gaps and needs and collaboratively build a comprehensive set of resources and services available to all

Goal 3: Train service providers on farmer mental health, unique farm stressors, and tools and strategies for better assisting farmers with those stressors

Goal 4: Train farmers how to better support one another at times of extreme stress

Project Goals and Objectives *

Provide 1-5 specific Goals and associated Objectives for your project. Goals are general guidelines that explain what you want to achieve. Objectives define strategies or steps to attain the identified goals. Unlike goals, objectives are specific, measurable, and have a defined completion date.

Activities and Completion Date

Description	Completion Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Activity 1	
Activity 2	
Activity 3	
Activity 4	
Activity 5	

Which of the following audiences, does the project serve: *

Mental health service providers, such as counselors and social workers, who need training in agricultural competency, i.e. the specific challenges and stressors faced by farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers and culturally-competent stress assistance strategies

Farmer peer support providers, i.e. retired or current farmers who are trained to provide peer support practices

Agricultural service providers, such as farm law attorneys and financial advisors, who need training in farm stress and mental health, as well as training in the Network and the services and resources available to their clients who experience stress

Farm Advocates, service providers who work as case managers providing a more comprehensive set of services, including financial advising, legal information, disaster assistance, and stress assistance in order to increase the chances for the best possible outcomes for farm families

Facilitation

If hiring a consultant, please share expertise.

Measures

Select those measures that you plan to track for this project

Number of trainings and trainees

Number and type of educational materials developed

Trainees report increased knowledge of best practices for supporting farmers under stress

Trainees report increased knowledge of structural options for offering stress assistance programming and collaboration between service providers

Trainees report increased quality or scope of services due to participation/ resources

Success stories and pictures showcasing project impacts

Other

Measures Narrative

For those measures selected above, briefly describe how they will be tracked for your project.

Budget Summary

	Line Item	Amount
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
	TOTAL	

Budget Narrative *

Outline your budget, include the dollar amount for each line item as well as description of how you determined the requested amount.

Grant Management *

Option 1: Young Farmers can manage up to three outgoing payments per project.

Option 2: For projects requiring more than three outgoing payments, the full project amount will be paid to a designee of the Cohort for distribution.

Grant Management

If you selected Option 2 above, please tell us who your designee will be.

Equity

How have you addressed physical and/or digital accessibility, language justice, anti-oppression, cultural competency in your proposal?

Submission Checklist (All must be checked) *

How do your activities align with the FRSAN-NE Vision and Mission?

Will your project be completed before September 2021?

Have you provided a detailed budget, and including how the funding will be managed?

Have you considered physical and/or digital accessibility, language justice, anti-oppression, cultural competency?