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Extension Risk Management Education Competitive Grants Program

2026 RFA
Applicant Webinar
October 2, 2025




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Risk Management Overview

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Risk Management Overview

Risk

Possible adverse event that has the potential to interfere with:

- Business entity’s financial stability
- Ability to achieve mission

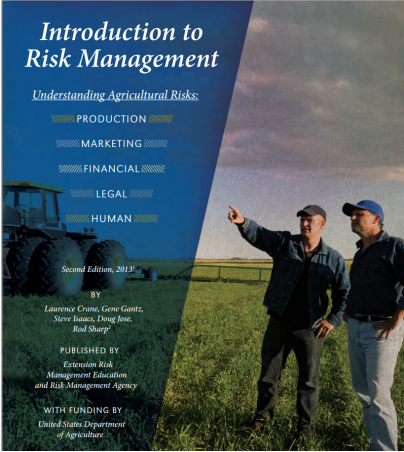
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Risk Management Overview

Universe of Risk:

- Production
- Marketing
- Financial
- Legal
- Human




Available in English and Spanish on the following webpage: <https://ncerme.org/about-risk-management-education>

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Risk Management Overview

Risk Management


- Tools and strategies reducing financial effects of risk
- Ability to run a business in rapidly changing business environment

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Risk Management Overview

Extension Risk Management Education



Mandate and Mission

- Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000
 - Education for producers in the “full range of risk management activities”
- 2018 Farm Bill
 - Education for producers who underutilize Federal crop insurance

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Risk Management Overview

Program Goal

To help farm and ranch families improve their economic viability through targeted risk management education.

- Participants in education programs achieve specified risk management outcomes


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Risk Management Overview

What are Proposed Risk Management Outcomes?

- Measurable and verifiable risk management actions that participants understand, develop, or implement
- Within 6 to 18 months


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Risk Management Overview

Proposed Outcomes and the Theory of Change

- How will your project lead farmers and ranchers to the desired risk management outcomes?
- What are your assumptions and rationale?
 - Why will your efforts/activities make a difference
 - What gaps does your project aim to fill
 - Why is this significant

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Risk Management Overview

Proposed Outcomes and the Theory of Change

Why does your project matter?

- Improved risk management outcomes for farmers and ranchers
- Improved project performance
- Increased impacts for broader risk management education efforts



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Risk Management Overview

What are the Long-Term Impacts?

- Projects help participants learn, achieve, or apply “best risk management practices”
- Methods and indicators that measure the use of these practices help document long-term impact



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Risk Management Overview

A grant awarded is **an investment** made by the North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center to help producers achieve the proposed risk management outcomes.

Return on investment: changed behavior or actions taken by participants resulting in increased ability to manage risk.



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Risk Management Overview


The Extension Risk Management Education program is committed to:

- **Fostering** risk management outcomes with real impacts for producers
- **Documenting** impacts through comprehensive, retrospective evaluation efforts
- **Demonstrating** impacts through evaluation results, success stories, and outstanding projects




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Request for Applications

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Request for Applications

2026 RFA now open

- Three Program Areas
 - Risk Management Education Projects
 - Underutilization of Crop Insurance Projects
 - Exploratory Projects
- Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM CST on November 13, 2025
- All applicants will be notified by February 13, 2026

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Request for Applications

Risk Management Education Projects

- Education for producers in the “full range of risk management activities”

Underutilization of Crop Insurance Projects

- Education for producers who underutilize crop insurance
- Identification and justification of targeted producer audiences left to applicant

Exploratory Projects

- Smaller projects that support planning, development or pilot education efforts to better address risk management education needs



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Risk Management Education Projects - can address any of the five risk areas

- Programs should provide decision tools, practices, and other risk management strategies that producers can adopt to manage risk and improve their economic viability
- Consider emphasis on North Central Center regional priorities
- \$75,000 maximum
- Project timeline is April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 (18 months)
- No extensions



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2026 Regional Priorities for Risk Management Education Projects - (pages 8-9 of RFA)

The Center is looking for projects that build strong collaboration; and projects that focus on Educational Delivery by **building upon existing efforts, curricula, and tools** and those that explore **non-traditional methods** to expand the experiential component of learning and improve producer outcomes. Risk management topics of priority include:

- Marketing and Price Risk Management
- Farm Recordkeeping, Analysis, and Finance
- Economic Alternatives and Analysis
- Human Risk Management
- Land Management


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Underutilization of Crop Insurance Projects - Projects can address any relevant risk areas, recognizing that funding is specifically designated for the delivery of risk management education to agricultural producers who underutilize crop insurance

- Programs should provide decision tools, practices, and other risk management strategies that producers can adopt to manage risk and improve their economic viability
- Consider emphasis on the North Central Center regional priorities
- \$100,000 maximum
- Project timeline is April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 (18 months)
- No extensions

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Request for Applications

2026 Regional Priorities for Underutilization of Crop Insurance Projects – (pages 9-10 of RFA)

The Center is looking for projects that build strong collaboration; and projects that focus on Educational Delivery by **building upon existing efforts, curricula, and tools** and those that explore **non-traditional methods** to expand the experiential component of learning and improve producer outcomes. Projects should focus on producers that underutilize crop insurance and address topics and strategies that align with enhanced understanding and use of crop insurance utilization, including:

- Crop Insurance Education
- Integrated Insurance Decisions, Price Risk Management, and Financial Management
- Specialty Crops and Enterprises

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Request for Applications

Exploratory Projects - for planning, development, or piloting efforts

- Goal of establishing an educational program, delivery plan, and collaboration that leads to an application for competitive grant funding in a future RFA
- Must address an agriculture risk management topic in one of the five areas of risk.
- \$10,000 maximum
- Project timeline is April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 (18 months)
- Abbreviated application template

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Request for Applications

Exploratory Projects - These smaller, simplified projects can be used to support:


- Producer education workshops
- Conferences
- Development of a new idea
- Evaluation of previous funded project
- Other

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Evaluation Criteria

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Evaluation Criteria

Standard Risk Management Education Projects & Underutilization of Crop Insurance Projects		Exploratory Projects	
Proposed Outcomes	40%	Proposed Outcomes	30%
Regional Priorities	10%	Regional Priorities	10%
Outcomes Verification	10%	Outcomes Verification	10%
Producer Demand/Project Audience	15%	Project Narrative	25%
Team, Organizational Capacity & Collaborators	15%	Team & Collaborators	15%
Review of Past Projects, Innovative Approach & Wide Application	10%	Review of Past Projects, Innovative Approach & Wide Application	10%

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Evaluation Criteria

Proposed Outcomes – 40% (30% Exploratory)

Maximum of 12 (6 for Exploratory)

- Single most important factor in funding decisions
- Clear statement of what you “anticipate producers will understand, develop or implement”
- Realistic and attainable producer numbers
- Relative level of rigor associated with producer actions
- Specific actions, measurable and verifiable


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Evaluation Criteria

Looking at Proposed Outcomes

- What is the risk management improvement for producers?
- What is the producer action?
 1. Understand → Knowledge
 2. Develop → Actions
 3. Implement → Change/Conditions
- Like to see projects move through the ladder of producer actions, from Understand to Implement

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Evaluation Criteria

Looking at Proposed Outcomes

What is farm or ranch economic viability?

- Improved profitability
- Increased opportunities for equity growth over time
- Sustainability

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Evaluation Criteria

Looking at Proposed Outcomes

Most common mistakes:

- Combining multiple outcomes into one statement
- Outcomes not specific enough
- Mistaking activities and outputs for outcomes
- Not choosing the right producer action
- Using website visits/analytics as outcomes
- Using attendance as a verification method
- Using website analytics as a verification method

“SMART” Outcomes = Specific + Measurable + Achievable + Relevant + Time-Bound


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Evaluation Criteria

These are NOT risk management outcomes:

- Producers will attend a workshop on...
- Educators will be trained to deliver the program
- Develop, deliver and refine agriculture classroom curriculum
- Resources will be distributed to producers


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Evaluation Criteria

Regional Priorities – 10%

- The degree to which proposed outcomes address regional priorities as identified in the RFA
- Caveats
 - If addressing regional priorities, ensure they are an integral part of the project
 - Projects that do not address regional priorities are still valued and will be considered

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Evaluation Criteria

Outcomes Verification – 10%

How effective is the plan for evaluating and tracking producer progress toward achieving the proposed risk management outcomes?

- How and when will outcomes be measured
- How will you verify risk management outcomes were achieved
- How will you establish & identify indicators for long-term outcomes

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Evaluation Criteria

Why verify?

Think about the “why measure” question as you create the “what to measure” plan.

- Serve interests/relevance to producers
 - Measure changes in producer knowledge
- Serve interests of your program and the overall ERME program
 - Improve program planning and performance
 - Demonstrate impacts and public value



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Evaluation Criteria

How will you verify?

What methods and questions will allow you to verify your outcomes and impacts?

- Make sure proposed outcomes are measurable or have measurable indicators (this impacts not just your evaluation plan but also the validity of your proposed outcomes)
- Consider evaluation and verification steps when planning education efforts
- Frame questions to appropriately and effectively deliver evaluation measures



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Evaluation Criteria

How will you verify?

Tips:


- You should be able to write an evaluation question for each proposed outcome
- Make sure the timing of the verification fits the producer action (difficult to assess “implement” during the project for example)
- Don’t use website analytics or attendance/participation as verification method

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Evaluation Criteria

<p>Risk Management Education Projects</p> <p>Producer Demand – 15%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document the willingness of producers to participate, utilizing for example:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey results• follow-up evaluations from prior workshop• benchmark information on participants’ knowledge level and attitude• A statement of risk management needs without any evidence of actual producer demand will not meet the requirements of this criterion.	<p>Underutilization of Crop Insurance Projects</p> <p>Project Audience – 15%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant must define the producers who underutilize crop• Explain why there is a low level of crop insurance participation and availability• Explain why existing crop insurance products do not provide an effective risk management tool• Explain why these producer types are not normally reached through other risk management tools or education offerings.• Demonstrate how this audience will achieve access and participation through the proposed risk management education.
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Evaluation Criteria

Team/Organizational Capacity* & Collaborators – 15%

Equal value attributed to team/organization and collaborators

- Skills, knowledge, and experience of team and organization to effectively deliver risk management education projects
- Evaluate how well-engaged collaborating public or private organizations will increase the likelihood of farmer/rancher participation
 - Collaborators provide technical expertise/knowledge
 - Collaborators provide access to your target audience

*Organizational Capacity is not a criteria for Exploratory Applications


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Evaluation Criteria

Review of Past Projects, Innovative Approach, & Wide Application – 10%

- The ability to build upon or collaborate with at least 2 previously funded ERME projects or alternatively, how it is a unique and innovative project
- The extent to which a project employs innovative approaches to develop or deliver training, materials or tools
- The extent to which program might have wide application
 - Can the program and techniques be applied elsewhere?
 - Can the materials and techniques be adapted to other situations?

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Evaluation Criteria


Project Narrative – 25% (Exploratory Projects only)

Clearly document the proposed project


- The ability to describe the primary source(s) of risk for the audience
- The ability to demonstrate education methods are appropriate
- Document how producer interest will be cultivated for this new topic area
- The extent to which a timeline is outlined for each task/project step to be accomplished during the project

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Established in 2001, the North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center funds results-based, producer-focused, competitive grants with funding from the [National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#) (NIFA). We are located at the [University of Nebraska-Lincoln](#). Serving the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; the Center provides funding annually for individual programs which directly benefit the agricultural producer through a competitive application process.

Our mission and the mission of the national program is educating America's farmers and ranchers to manage the unique risks of

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Recent needs assessment reports provide some insight into issues and challenges facing agricultural producers at the present time and some supporting material behind the priority issues identified in the RFA.

Producer Risk Management Education Needs Assessment - September 2025


Other Useful Resources To Help With Your Grant Application

- Refining Proposed Outcomes by Amulya Rao
- NIFA Fact Sheet - 20 Tips For Grant Writing Success
- Outcome & Evaluation Methodology by Brad Lubben
- Documenting Success through Performance Measures

How to Apply

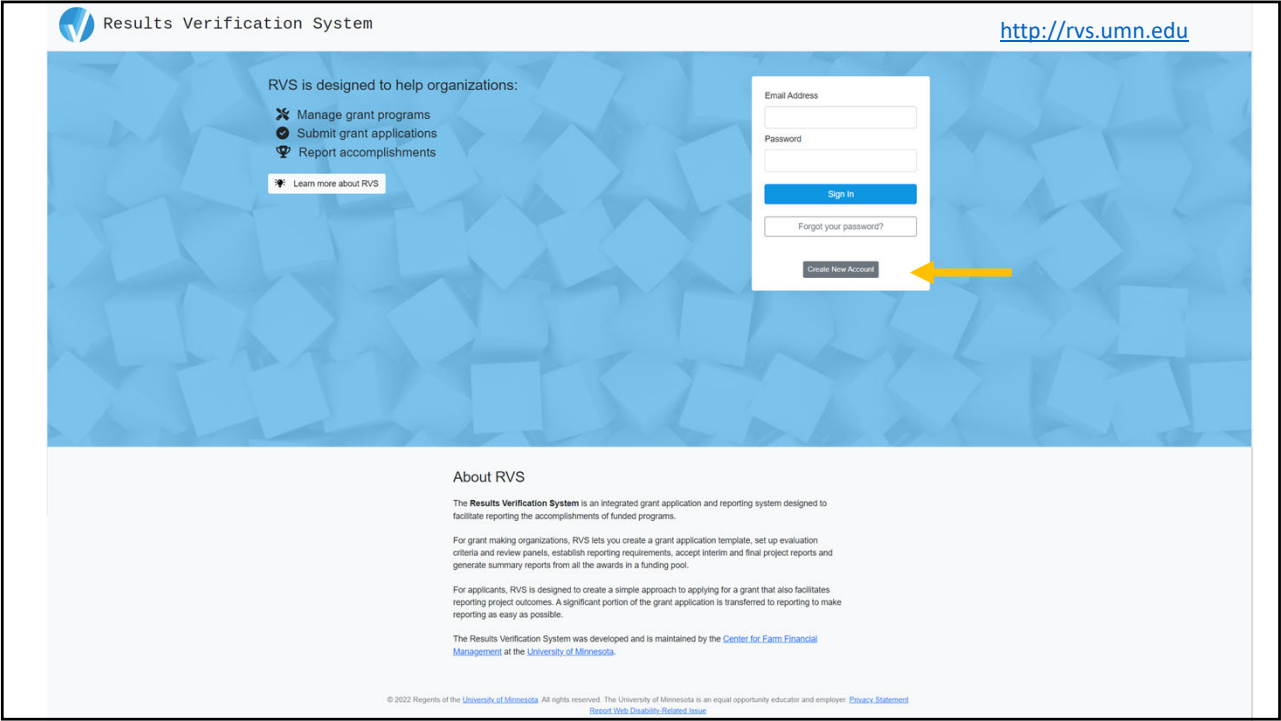
- RFA: Download and read the [2026 North Central ERME RFA](#) thoroughly depending on your plans for submission.
- Resources: View the [Application Resources](#) which have been developed to help applicants prepare a successful proposal, and which provide a full explanation for every item requested in the application. Applicants are especially encouraged to utilize the Application Tutorial.
- Registration Information: If you are already registered in the RVS, skip to step 4. To register, use this link to access the [Extension Risk Management Education Results Verification System](#). Select "Create New Account" and complete the form in order to create a new account. A registration confirmation containing a link back into the system will be sent via email. (If you do not receive the confirmation email within 15 minutes, please check your spam folder.) To complete your registration, visit the enclosed link.
- RVS: Login to RVS (rvs.unn.edu) using your email address and password, which will take you to the "My Projects" page. To begin a new Application, select "Start New Project Application" to see all available funding opportunities. Click the "North Central ERME" tab to see all North Central funding opportunities.
- Category: Select the appropriate grant category (2026 Risk Management Education Projects, 2026 Underutilization of Crop Insurance Projects, or 2026 Exploratory Projects) and click "Apply for this Grant".
- Enter the project information, including: Project Title; Project Director email, Institution Mailing Address, and Financial Contact. You will have the opportunity to edit or update this information once you have created the application.
- Complete each section in the Table of Contents on the left sidebar and follow the instructions accessible on each page of the application via the question mark (?) icon.

Whenever you wish to continue working on your Application, return to the [Extension Risk Management Education Results Verification System](#) and login. Your active projects will be listed on the "My Projects" page. You may edit your proposal by clicking on the pencil icon.



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Completing the Application

- **Register** and log back into the system
- **My Projects:** click on “Start New Project Application”

The screenshot shows the dashboard of the Results Verification System (RVS). The header includes the RVS logo, the text 'Results Verification System', and links for 'Admin Tools' and a user profile icon. The main content area has a navigation bar with 'My Projects' and 'Evaluation Panels'. A yellow arrow points to a green button labeled 'Start New Project Application'. Below this is a table with columns: Year, Project, Project Director, Stage, Status, and Funder. The table contains three rows of data for 2026 projects.

	Year	Project	Project Director	Stage	Status	Funder
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▶	2026	2026 Exploratory Demo	Megan Engel	Application	Due	D

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Completing the Application

Step 1

Choose Funding Opportunity

Step 2

Initiate Application

Step 3

Enter Application

All Available Funding

North Central ERME

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North Central ERME

2026 Exploratory Projects (\$10,000)

Grant Closes: 11/13/2025

Read the RFA

Application Resources

Apply for this Grant

NC

North Central ERME

2026 Risk Management Education Projects (\$75,000)

Grant Closes: 11/13/2025

Read the RFA

Application Resources

Apply for this Grant

NC

North Central ERME

2026 Underutilization of Crop Insurance Projects (\$100,000)

Grant Closes: 11/13/2025

Read the RFA

Application Resources

Apply for this Grant

- Select the correct funding opportunity
- Initiate project by completing the Project Title, Project Director and Financial Contact Details

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Steps to complete the application

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Save and Exit

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NCERME Test

Important Information

Due on

11/13/2025

System Information

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Until you submit, you can return and edit it as frequently as you wish.

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A maximum of 12 proposed outcomes is allowed
(Exploratory projects = 6 outcomes max)

ResourcesPrint

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Proposed Outcomes ? SaveBackNext

What Producers Will Understand, Develop, or Implement

Proposed risk management outcomes are what you anticipate participants will learn, achieve, and apply through their participation in your project. At the end of your program delivery, the proposed risk management outcomes should put producers in a better position to manage their overall financial risk. Do not confuse the actions your project team takes or materials they develop with the proposed risk management outcomes for producers.

+ Add New Item

	Outcome	Topic	Producer Action	Est. #	When Verified?	How Verified?	
1	Participants will understand the multiple components of a farm succession plan	Transition and estate planning	Understand	100	Immediately After Program	Pre-Post survey	
2	Participants will understand the need for effective communication and goal setting as it relates to successfully implementing a succession plan	Health, stress, family & business relationships	Understand	75	Immediately After Program; Prior to end of grant	Pre-Post survey, follow-up survey	
3	Participants will develop a succession plan for their operation	Transition and estate planning	Develop	50	During Program; Prior to end of grant	Assignments during workshop series and 3-month follow-up survey	
4	Participants will utilize at least one new communication tool to improve family communications	Health, stress, family & business relationships	Implement	45	Prior to end of grant	6-month follow-up phone survey	
5	Participants will implement the actions needed to have a legally recognized succession plan to serve the needs of their farm and family	Transition and estate planning	Implement	25	Prior to end of grant	6-month follow-up phone survey	

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System

Test ERME Education

Proposed Outcomes ?

Outcome

Producers will understand how int Revenue Protection Insurance

Producers will develop an integrat

Producers will implement a record operation.

Producers will purchase WFRP or

Add New Result

Outcome

(0 / 25 word limit)

Topic Area

- Select -

Topic

Producer Action

Understand - learn, increase awareness, identify

Develop - write, conduct, obtain, create

Implement - adopt, establish, incorporate, initiate, use

Estimated Number

When will you Verify?

Before Program

During Program

Immediately After Program

Prior to end of grant

How will you Verify?

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See list of topic area definitions on the Help page and in RFA

Pre-test

Auto response system

Post test, or retrospective

Follow-up after workshops or trainings

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Surveys, assignments, interview, submitted approved document, test, observation, etc.


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Completing the Application

Proposed Outcomes

Questions to ask yourself:

- Do the proposed outcomes that I have listed have a direct relationship to the producers’ ability to manage risk?
- What is the producer action?
 - Is it identified correctly related to how the outcome is written?
- Are the proposed outcomes specific, measurable and verifiable?
 - Make sure it is not a project step

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Project Team

The Project Director (co-PD) and all others who will actively participate in the development, delivery, and management of the project – whether from the applicant organization or not.

- Letters of commitment are not required **unless** the person is a consultant or part of a sub-award
 - Any required documents will need to be uploaded on this page at the time of entry. The contributor **cannot be saved** until the consultant/sub-award materials have been **uploaded**

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Project Collaborators

People or organizations who will bring expertise or provide access to your target audience, but who are not involved in the day-to-day management of the project.

- A letter of commitment is required from every collaborator
- The collaborator **cannot** be saved until the required letters/documents have been uploaded to this page


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Completing the Application

Sub-Award

- Not to exceed 49% of the requested budget
- Sub-award package required:
 - Separate Budget
 - Separate Budget Narrative
 - Letter of Commitment from the subcontractor organization that also includes a clear Scope of Work outlining their portion of the work to be completed
- Not allowed on Exploratory Projects

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Consultant Requirements:

- Letter of Commitment that also outlines:
 - Scope of Work;
 - Rate of pay, number of hours to be paid;
 - See the allowable rates of pay as identified in Appendix A of the RFA
 - Travel, etc.
- Abbreviated 2-page maximum resume or CV for each consultant

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Project Collaborators

Name

Add New Letter of Commitment

Name

Organization

Organization Type

1862 Land Grant University

Email Address

Phone Number

Role

Collaborator Type

☐ Applicant Organization Member

☐ Non-Applicant Organization Member

☐ Consultant

☐ Sub-Award

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Review of Past Projects – extensionrme.org

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COMPLETED PROJECTS
ALL FUNDED PROJECTS
SUCCESS STORIES

Extension Risk Management Education

"Educating America's farmers and ranchers to manage the unique risks of producing food for the world's table."



Extension Risk Management Education is delivered through four regional centers that provide grant funding and leadership within their regions.

Projects are producer-focused, outcomes-based and encourage public-private partnerships. Funded projects must identify targeted outcomes that will help producers manage risk and then describe how the project will measure those outcomes.

Extension Risk Management Education has funded innovative programs that have generated tangible outcomes for producers in every state. Commitment to finding outcomes, providing transparent accountability, and encouraging collaboration allow you to view the accomplishments of all funded projects on this website.


Western Center
Washington State University Extension

North Central Center
University of Nebraska - Lincoln Extension


Northeast Center
University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

Southern Center
University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

ERME Events & Activities



Save the Date!
2025 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference
April 1-3, 2025
Nashville, TN



View 2024 Presentations & Past Conferences

Review of Past Projects – extensionrme.org

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

View the specific outcomes of Extension Risk Management Education Completed Projects.
Search projects from specific years, regions, states, or risk management education topics.

Search Criteria

1313 records found

Year(s) All
Project Type(s) All
Region(s) All
State(s) All
Topic(s) All
Audience Group(s) All

Update Search Results

OverviewParticipation SummaryKeys To SuccessStoriesUnexpected OutcomesProject Improvements


OutcomesProject Leaders

Expand All? No/Yes

Award Amount: \$50,157
Institution: Crowell University Office of Sponsored Programs
Project Director: Robert Vukobratovic (rvukobrat@crowell.edu)
Funding Opportunity: Northeast ERME - 2021 Producers Undermined by Crop Insurance
Summary:
Our project, "How Do You Know Your Pricing is Right, and Your Investment is Protected?"

Award Amount: \$12,000
Institution: San Joaquin Economic Development Corporation
Project Director: Terra Earl Ward (tward@sjedc.org)
Funding Opportunity: Western ERME - 2024 Competitive Grant Program
Summary:
The "Adding Value, Managing Risk" project builds on the report's... More

Award Amount: \$10,000
Institution: Purdue Extension
Project Director: Emily Kertesz (ekertesz@purdue.edu)
Funding Opportunity: North Central ERME - 2022 Competitive Grant Program
Summary:
Unraveling the Mystery of Commodity Marketing for Farm Women will... More



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Completing the Application

Budget Narrative

- The budget narrative should provide an explanation of how the proposed expenditures support your project
- All amounts should be rounded to the nearest whole dollar
- Provide detail & use formatting so that it is easy to read
 - Travel should include estimates for mileage/lodging/transportation, etc.
- Refer to the budget instructions for required information for each line item
 - Resources or Appendix A of the RFA
 - Sample Budget Narrative

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Budget Narrative – Indirect Costs

Can we claim Indirect Costs (Facilities and administrative costs)?

- Indirect Costs on awards under this program may not exceed the lesser of the institutions official negotiated indirect cost rate or the equivalent of 30% of the total Federal funds awarded
 - The 30% of total Federal funds limitation is equivalent to 42.857% of the total direct costs of an award
- If your organization does not have a federally negotiated indirect cost rate, then a de minimis rate of 15% Total Direct Cost is allowed

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Budget Narrative – Project Director Training Workshop

- All budgets should include *estimated* travel expenses to attend the Project Director Training Workshop to be held in conjunction with the 2026 ERME National Conference. Visit erme.events for details such as lodging and registration fees.
- All Project Directors (PDs) are required to attend this training in person when possible:

PD Training Workshop
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 14, 2026
Approx 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM


We also encourage you to budget to attend the 2026 ERME National Conference as well to be held April 15-16, with a pre-conference beginning at 1:00 PM on April 14.

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Required Documents


- ERME Cover Sheet (SF424) signed by Authorizing Official
 - Must be downloaded and opened in Adobe
 - Need a certified electronic signature or actual signature scanned in
- Completed ERME budget form
 - Enter whole numbers only (no decimals or commas)
- Other Required Docs (uploaded on appropriate project team or collaborator page as needed)
 - Letters of Commitment
 - Consultant/Sub-Award packages


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- ✓ Project Information
- ✓ Project People
- ✓ Project Overview
- ✓ Proposed Outcomes
- ✓ Project Outcomes Narrative
- ✓ Project Steps
- ✓ Producer Demand
- ✓ Organizational Capacity
- ✓ Project Team
- ✓ Project Collaborators
- ✓ Tools & Curriculum
- ✓ Review of Past Projects
- ✓ Additional Regions
- ✓ Amount Requested - Budget
- ✓ Budget Narrative
- ✓ Required Documents
- ✓ Final Checklist – identifies any missing portions of applications




When completely done with your application click  for official submission. You will receive an email confirmation.



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Resources

Review these valuable resources and the Help tab available on each application section in RVS

Results Verification System (RVS) Resources

In order to save information in the form, you need to first download the document locally or to a network drive. If you edit the information in the browser window in which it appears, your changes will not be saved.

Click the name of the document you wish to download. The form will open in another browser window. You may see a message that says "Please wait..." - you may proceed to download the file. From here, click the download button in the upper, right-hand corner of the screen (a down arrow). This will bring up the standard dialog box with your local and network save options. Save the PDF in this location.

Once saved, exit out of the browser window and open the PDF on your machine. From this point on, you should be able to edit and save the file as needed without worrying about losing your changes.

Application Tutorial

Application Tutorial - Exploratory Funding Opportunity

Application Tutorial - Underutilization of Crop Insurance Funding Opportunity

Reporting Tutorial

ERME Budget Form

ERME Budget & Budget Narrative Instructions

ERME Sample Budget Narrative


ERME Cover Sheet (SF 424)

ERME Cover Sheet Instructions

RFA Definitions

<http://extensionrme.org/Resources>

Other useful resources to help with your Grant Application can be found on our website under the Funding tab/ERME RFA 2026

- [Refining Proposed Outcomes by Amulya Rao](#)
- [NIFA Fact Sheet - 20 Tips For Grant Writing Success](#)
- [Outcome & Evaluation Methodology by Brad Lubben](#)
- [Documenting Success through Performance Measures](#) 

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