



# NC-SARA SPE Conference

## SARA State and Territory Grants

# General Overview

- A collective pool of SARA revenue has been allocated to SARA Member State and Territories to focus directly on state support.
- Each SPE agency may apply for a grant to support SARA-related continuous education, initiatives, and enhancements.
- SPEs may request up to \$7,500 per annual application period.
- Funds are to be allocated and spent within a given fiscal year.

# Potential uses for the grant funds could include, but are not limited to:

- Updating and improving digital infrastructure
- Improving data collection, including metrics used, and quality
- Multi-state regional and/or interregional collaboration
- Training and/or professional development (ex: webinar access, conference attendance)
- Membership fees
- Updating and improving authorization processes
- Assessment of current operations
- External consultants

## General Timeline

Call for Proposals: June

Proposals Due: mid-July

Review of Applications: August

Award Notification:  
September

Annual Reports Due: August of  
the following year

## First Year Facts:

28 applications

\$192,691 awarded

- SREB: 10
- MHEC: 8
- NEBHE: 5
- WICHE: 5

## Second Year Facts:

33 applications

10 new states

# Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I contact if I have questions about award details?

- Please contact [accounting@nc-sara.org](mailto:accounting@nc-sara.org) for details.

What is the minimum and maximum grant award per year?

- There is no minimum amount. The maximum amount per fiscal year is \$7,500 per state.

What if I don't spend all the money in the time allotted?

- Any funds remaining at the end of the award period will need to be returned to NC-SARA.

What if I want to change what I use the grant money for?

- Please contact [accounting@nc-sara.org](mailto:accounting@nc-sara.org) to discuss.

Can I apply for a grant with another state(s) and ask for more money?

- States are welcome to collaborate, but each state is limited to a \$7,500 award per year.

What if the expense I want to cover is already in place (ex: existing professional membership, established technology for SARA applications, etc.)

- Grant funds should only be requested for upcoming expenses.

Can I use the grant funds to offset state-charged institution participation fees?

- No, grant funds cannot be used to help offset state-charged institution participation fees.

My agency won't allow us to receive funds directly (or it is difficult to do so). Would I be able to work with NC-SARA directly to spend them?

- Unfortunately, funds must be sent to the agency directly.