

Western SARE Grant Writing Group for Specialty Crop Growers

This virtual group will be hosted by UCCE Specialty Crops Advisor, Ellie Andrews, to provide guidance, support, mentorship, and community-building for specialty crop growers who are interested in applying to the Western SARE Farmer/Rancher Grant. There is no obligation to apply this year. The deadline is October 23, 2024.

Ellie Andrews (UCCE) will host 4 virtual Zoom meetings:

Meeting 1: 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, May 30, 2024 - Orientation to the WSARE Farmer/Rancher Grant & Brainstorming Project Ideas with Ellie Andrews (UCCE) & Layla Aguilar (CAFF)

Meeting 2: 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, June 20, 2024 - Understanding the Call for Proposals with Ellie Andrews (UCCE)

Meeting 3: 4:00-5:00pm on Monday, July 1, 2024 - Mentorship and Guidance with local farmer Caiti Hachmyer, who received this grant previously (learn about her project here!), and Ellie Andrews (UCCE)

Meeting 4: 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, September 26, 2024 - Overview of the Online Submission System & Guidance with Miranda Kersten (WSARE) and Ellie Andrews (UCCE)

Please [Register Here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

You are welcome to attend all or some of these meetings. Attendance is free. Please email Ellie at eandrews@ucanr.edu with any questions.

Dimensions of Sustainable Agriculture

- Enhance the quality of life for producers in local communities 
- Sustain and improve the environmental quality and natural resource base on which agriculture depends 
- Improve the profitability of producers and associated agricultural businesses 

