

PRESS RELEASE

FDA and AFDO Partner to Award Year 5 Grants to State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal Regulatory Retail Food Programs

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) are proud to announce Year 5 of the AFDO administered Retail Program Standards Grant Program. Opening on Monday, September 4, 2017 and accepting applications through Monday, October 2, 2017, the program provides funds for the completion of projects and training to enhance conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Retail Program Standards). Grant funding is open to State, local, territorial, and tribal regulatory retail food programs that have enrolled in the [Retail Program Standards](#). Applicants to this program can expect a simple application process, up-front funding when required by the project, and simple reporting requirements.

Funds are available for completing projects that meet Retail Program Standard goals and objectives in four categories:

- **Category 1:** Small Projects (up to \$3,000) - Examples: Completion of Self-Assessments of all 9 Standards, Verification Audits, Small Projects that help advance or maintain conformance with one or more Standards
- **Category 2:** Moderate Projects (\$10,000 to \$20,000) - Examples: Completion of Foodborne Illness Risk Factor Studies, Implementation of Comprehensive Intervention Strategies to Reduce Risk Factors, Moderate Projects that help advance or maintain conformance with one or more Standards
- **Category 3:** Training (up to \$3,000) - Examples: Travel to training courses, workshops, and seminars that advance the goals of the Retail Program Standards
- **Category 4:** Food Protection Task Force Projects (up to \$3,000) - The goal of this category is to advance conformance with the Retail Program Standards by supporting attendance at Food Protection Task Force Activities (or similar Food Advisory Board/Council activities, whether or not the Task Force/Board/Council is supported by an FDA grant).

Jurisdictions that applied and/or were awarded funds in Year 1-4 are eligible to apply again for funds in Year 5. Jurisdictions can apply for funding for one project in each of the four categories for a maximum of four applications per jurisdiction. Total funding for this program for Year 5 is estimated to be \$1,421,250. This will enable a significant number of awards for jurisdictions in all four project categories.

How to Apply for Funding

To stay informed of the latest developments on this funding opportunity and to find more information about it, or to enroll in the Retail Program Standards, visit the AFDO Retail Food Safety Grants website at: <http://afdo.org/retailstandards>. The website will have the most up-to-date information about this grant program, and will be open for Year 5 applications on September 4, 2017.

For Additional Information: Email: retailstandards@afdo.org Phone: (850) 583-4593

About AFDO

AFDO, which was established in 1896, successfully fosters uniformity in the adoption and enforcement of science-based laws, rules, and regulations regarding food, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics and product safety by either drafting regulatory rules or commenting on government proposals. By developing a broad base of support for new approaches, AFDO has become a recognized voice in determining the rules and helping to shape the regulatory playing field of the future. The consensus that AFDO helps develop is key to advancing uniform laws, regulations, and guidelines that result in more efficient regulations and less confusion among industries in the marketplace. AFDO develops support for its positions by interfacing with high-level regulatory officials, industry representatives, trade associations, and consumer organizations. This effort continues to have a significant impact on regulations at the Federal, State and local levels. For more information, visit www.afdo.org. Inquiries about AFDO can be directed to AFDO Executive Director Joseph Corby.