

PRESS RELEASE

FDA and AFDO Partner to Award 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 that more than \$1.5 million has been awarded under the AFDO-administered Retail Program Standards Grant Program in the current fiscal year. Grant funding was awarded to State, local, territorial, and tribal regulatory retail food safety programs that are enrolled in the FDA Voluntary National [Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards](#) (Retail Program Standards). The grant program provides funds for the completion of projects and training to enhance conformance with the Retail Program Standards.

The grant application portal opened on Monday, September 4, 2017 and closed on Monday, October 2, 2017. For this grant cycle, 484 applications were accepted and reviewed, with 397 receiving awards. This amounted to a funding rate of 82%. The breakdown below identifies funding by project category:

- **Category 1: Small Projects (up to \$3,000)**
Number of Applications Accepted and Reviewed: 152
Number of Applications Funded: 152 (100%)
Award Totals: \$401,407.00
- **Category 2: Moderate Projects (\$10,000 to \$20,000)**
Number of Applications Accepted and Reviewed: 83
Number of Applications Funded: 30 (36.1%)
Award Totals: \$550,307.20
- **Category 3: Training (up to \$3,000)**
Number of Applications Accepted and Reviewed: 216
Number of Applications Funded: 190 (88%)
Award Totals: \$522,414.08
- **Category 4: Food Protection Task Force Projects (up to \$3,000)**
Number of Applications Accepted and Reviewed: 33
Number of Applications Funded: 25 (75.8%)
Award Totals: \$54,779.74

For More Information

To stay informed of the latest developments on this funding opportunity, to find more information about this grant program, or to enroll in the Retail Program Standards, visit the AFDO Retail Food Safety Grants website at: <http://afdo.org/retailstandards>.

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

About AFDO

AFDO was established in 1896, and 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.