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FDA, ISSC, NCIMS and AFDO Partner to Award Calendar Year 2020 Grants to State and Territorial Milk and Shellfish Programs

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC), the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS), and the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) are proud to announce details of the Calendar Year 2020 National Grade “A” Milk Safety and National Shellfish Sanitation Grant Program. The program provides funds in support of state and territorial (Puerto Rico) agencies that have the regulatory authority to implement the National Grade “A” Milk Safety Program and/or the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. Applicants to this program can expect a simple application process, up-front funding when required by the project, and simple reporting requirements.

Key dates for the Calendar Year 2020 Milk and Shellfish Grant Program:

- **September 25 through October 30, 2019:** Open application period for Calendar Year 2020 Training Needs grants for milk and shellfish regulatory programs, providing up to \$1,800 per person / per course to fund required training and other courses for Milk Sanitation Rating Officers (SROs), Laboratory Evaluation Officers (LEOs), Shellfish Sanitation Officers (SSOs) and other regulatory staff members.
- **Spring of 2020:** The portal will open again in Spring 2020 to accept applications for Equipment Grants and perhaps other needs. More information regarding the additional opening is expected to be released in February 2020, with the application portal opening in approximately April 2020.

Agencies that applied and/or were previously awarded funds are eligible to apply again for Calendar Year 2020 funding. More than \$2,250,000 is expected to be awarded for Calendar Year 2020 Training and Equipment Projects.

How to Apply for Funding

To stay informed of the latest developments on this funding opportunity and to find more information about it, visit the AFDO Milk and Shellfish Grants website at: <http://www.afdo.org/msgrants>. The website will have the most up-to-date information about this grant program, and the portal will open for Calendar Year 2020 training applications on September 25, 2019.

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About the Association of Food and Drug Officials:

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), established in 1896, successfully fosters uniformity in the adoption and enforcement of science-based food, drug, medical devices, cosmetics and product safety laws, rules, and regulations. AFDO and its six Regional Affiliates provide the mechanism and the forum where regional, national and international issues are deliberated and resolved to uniformly provide the best public health and consumer protection in the most expeditious and cost effective manner.

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