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FDA, ISSC, NCIMS and AFDO Partner to offer Calendar Year 2021 Subawards 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 2021 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 2021 Milk and Shellfish Grant Program:

- **September 23 through October 27, 2020:** Open application period for Calendar Year 2021 Training Needs grants for milk and shellfish regulatory programs. Please carefully review the CY 2021 Grant Guidance that will soon be posted on the AFDO Milk and Shellfish Grant Program website for a list of additional training options, given the COVID-19 travel limitations that are expected to impact course deliveries for at least the first half of CY 2021.
- **Early in 2021:** The portal will open again early in 2021 to accept applications for Equipment Grants and for Additional Training Opportunities (to be announced for August through December 2021). More information regarding the additional opening is expected to be released late in the current year, with the application portal opening in approximately January or February 2021.

Agencies that applied for and/or were previously awarded funds are eligible to apply again for the new funding year. More than \$2.4 million is expected to be awarded for CY 2021 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 CY 2021 training and equipment applications on September 23, 2020.

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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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