

FDA FACT SHEET

Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance (MFRPA) Cooperative Agreement Program

Background

- *FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)*: Signed into law on January 4, 2011, provides FDA with tools to protect public health by strengthening the food safety system.
- FSMA directs FDA to build an integrated national food safety system in partnership with state and local authorities, explicitly recognizing interagency collaboration, characterized by effective communication and efficient processes among federal, state, and local partners in the food safety system.
- Various initiatives, such as the Food Safety Task Force Program, Innovative Food Defense Program, and federal cooperative agreements, work to engage partners across multiple sectors of the food safety system to collaborate and identify means to improve and optimize the nation's food safety system.



- Supporting the training needs for State and local regulatory programs' conformance with the MFRPS by:
 - Identifying, developing, delivering, and/or promoting food safety and defense training programs to support conformance with the MFRPS and provisions of FSMA.
 - Providing financial assistance to State and local food regulatory programs to attend manufactured food training courses and other meetings.
 - Conducting research in the form of surveys of State and local food regulatory programs and perform data analysis to determine the capabilities and capacity of an Integrated Food Safety System.

Program Description

- Supporting a committee structure environment and encouraging involvement from state food program managers to assist in technical guidance solutions, implement changes, and increase sharing of best practices of the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS).
- Scheduling and hosting of meetings (in-person and remote), establishing workgroups, recruiting members, recording of meeting minutes, and other duties necessary to support the goals of the Alliance.
- Hosting of at least one annual face-to-face meeting to assist State and local manufactured food regulatory programs in achieving conformance with the MFRPS.

Intended Outcomes

- A committee structure environment that encourages involvement from State food program managers to provide technical guidance and increase sharing of best practices for the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards.
- Proposed revisions to the MFRPS to improve the performance of prevention, intervention, and response efforts of enrolled State programs.
- Content, usage, and improvements to the online Manufactured Food State Program

Manager's portal, including the subject matter expert registry, topical index of regulatory guidance and regulatory updates.

- Improvements and updates made to the web based directory of State and local food protection officials for use by Federal, State, local, tribal and territorial regulatory agencies.
- Impact and recommendations from forums to address concerns identified by State and local manufactured food regulatory programs relative to the MFRPS, FSMA, and other activities impacting Federal-State relations.
- Research and data analysis of State and local food regulatory programs to determine the capabilities and capacity of an Integrated National Food Safety System, such as surveillance activities, regulatory actions pursued, and outbreak and emergency response activities.

Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$2.94M
- Current number of awards: 1
- Current Awardee: Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)

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