

FDA FACT SHEET

MANUFACTURED FOOD REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS (MFRPS) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

- Enhance the nation’s food safety, as directed by the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).
- Provide the tools and resources to enable state food regulatory programs to build strong infrastructures and systems that complement national uniformity and promote an integrated food safety system.
- Promote quality regulatory programs through continuous self-improvement.
- Improve communication among regulatory and public health partners.

Intended Outcomes

- Achieve and sustain conformance with the MFRPS.
- Contribute to the continuous improvement of the MFRPS through the annual meeting, active participation in committees, and other initiatives.
- Strategies and resources for achieving and sustaining conformance with the MFRPS that can be shared and duplicated on a national basis.
- Provide FDA the foundation for pursuing regulatory action based upon the findings of State food programs.
- Grantees may also pursue special projects that will further enhance the capacity of the program to protect public health and safeguard the food supply.

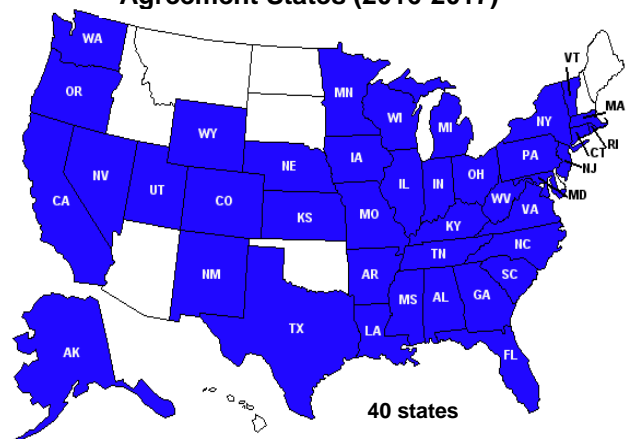
Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$11.65M
- Current number of awards: 42

FDA Investment History

- MFRPS cooperative agreement program began in 2012 with 26 grantees. Nine additional grantees were part of the Rapid Response Team (RRT) & Infrastructure Development cooperative agreement program, which included funding for the MFRPS.
- By 2015, 42 grantees were awarded MFRPS cooperative agreements.
- IN FY16, \$11,654,617 was awarded.
- Awards up to a maximum of \$300,000 per year for up to 5 years. Grantees may also apply for administrative supplements (up to \$75,000) to attend FDA manufactured foods training courses.

Figure 1. MFRPS Cooperative Agreement States (2016-2017)



What Grantees are Saying

"MFRPS have elevated our regulatory foundation, especially our inspector competency. The quality of inspections has increased, meaning that we are providing a better service to consumers and to industry." --- Anita Travis, Kentucky Department for Public Health

"Working towards full conformance has absolutely been worth the effort. We now have highly trained staff performing high quality inspections, and the funding associated with MFRPS has allowed us to develop a new electronic inspection system, purchase equipment, and send staff to numerous trainings. But that's not a stopping point. The standards are a continuous improvement system that allow us to implement policies and procedures above and beyond the requirements in the standards." -- Matt Colson, MPH, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

"MFRPS have led us to conduct a more robust inspection and sampling program and to continuously advance our capacity. FDA has been really supportive in sharing best practices and has helped us keep abreast of changes and prepare for them." -- Jasmine Ha, MS, Massachusetts Bureau of Environmental Health/Food

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