

# FDA FACT SHEET

## RETAIL ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

### Program Description

- The Retail Association Cooperative Agreement Program was developed to further FDA's efforts toward enhancing state, local, territorial, and tribal retail food safety programs.
- The cooperative agreement program is part of FDA's Retail Food Safety Initiative and overall prevention-based, farm-to-table food safety strategy to reduce foodborne illness.
- The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) manages this cooperative agreement using an application portal to sub award funds developed in collaboration with FDA.
- In the years this program has been in place, over 11 awards have been made to state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions representing 47 of the 50 states, 3 tribes, and 1 territory.

### Intended Outcomes

- To assist jurisdictions through facilitation of long-term improvements and advancement of the Retail Program Standards.
- To help state, local, tribal, and territorial retail food regulatory programs achieve conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS).

### Program Metrics

#### Retail Program Standards Grants, Year 4:

- Applications Received: 667
- Applications Scored: 519
- Grants Awarded: 435
- Funding Awarded: \$1,962,986

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#### Breakdown of 435 Grants Awarded:

- Self Assessments: 88 grants, \$220,000
- Verification Audits 1 Standard: 21 grants, \$42,000
- Verification Audits 2 or More Standards: 27 grants, \$81,000
- Custom: 41 grants, \$119,425
- Moderate Projects: 56 grants, \$966,942
- Training: 182 grants, \$488,078
- Food Protection Task Force: 20 grants, \$45,542

#### Jurisdictional Level:

- Local: 383
- State: 49
- Tribal: 2
- Territorial: 1

#### FDA Region:

- Southeast: 85
- Southwest: 131
- Northeast: 45
- Central: 115
- Pacific: 59

### Program Accomplishments (first 3 years of funding)

- 127 self-assessments of all 9 Program Standards
- 68 verification audits of one or more Standards
- 1143 employees who have received direct training
- Jurisdictions used funds to complete Risk Factor Studies, develop & implement electronic inspection systems, enhance inspection and complaint forms, enhance existing software to improve data

collection, tracking and reporting, and to develop and implement learning management systems.

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