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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.
- Since inception, 1521 awards have been made to state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions representing 47 of the 50 states, 3 tribes, and 3 territories.

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

- Current program funding: \$2,420,000
- Current number of awards: 1
- Current partner: The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)

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