

FDA FACT SHEET

FOOD PROTECTION TASK FORCE GRANT PROGRAM

Program Description

- The Food Protection Task Force (FPTF) grant is available to eligible grantees participating in the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) base funding of [RFA-FD-23-027](#).
- A key component is establishing a FPTF with a diverse membership represented by:
 - State, local, tribal, territorial (SLTT) human and animal food regulatory partners
 - Non-food government agency representatives with interdependent interests (ex: transportation, law enforcement, environmental enforcement)
 - Academia (ex: research scientists, public health, systems thinking, epidemiology)
 - Industry representatives with non-advertising interests in FPTF efforts and focus
 - Public affairs and media focused professionals
 - Consumers as a critical, and often missing, input into FPTF objectives and considerations
- Regular FPTF meetings for networking, project planning, and resource development outputs
- Public presence within jurisdiction and region promoting food defense and food safety with a focus on addressing infrastructure and public vulnerabilities that intersect with human and animal food

Intended Outcomes

- Provide a forum for all the stakeholders of the food protection system—regulatory agencies, academia, industry, consumers, state legislators, boards of health and agriculture, and other interested parties to improve food safety and defense.
- Communicate and disseminate key FDA objectives and mandates including the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) to relevant stakeholders.
- Collect, compile, and communicate stakeholder interests and concerns to FDA regarding information and activities covered under this program.
- Assist in adopting or implementing the Food Code and other food protection regulations including FSMA.
- Conduct and present findings to stakeholders regarding research, investigations, and demonstrations, relating to the causes or prevention of food related illnesses and injuries in the context of food safety and defense.

Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$320,972
- Current number of awards: 22

Food Protection Task Force Grantees (FY2024)					
Alaska	Arizona	Connecticut	Georgia	Iowa	Kansas
Kentucky	Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri	Nebraska	Nevada
North Carolina	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Carolina	Texas	Utah
Virginia	Washington	West Virginia	Wyoming		

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