

Flexible Funding Model (FFM) 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

- Advance efforts for a nationally integrated food safety system (IFSS) by supporting Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS), Dietary Supplements (DS) and Food Protection Task Force (FPTF) programs.
- Enhance capacity of food safety regulatory programs by serving as the foundation for mutual reliance. • Promote internal program consistency, a highly trained workforce, and partnerships with other regulatory and public health programs.
- Promote consumer confidence in food protection programs,
- Facilitate opportunities for states to network, learn, and work with other state regulatory programs by facilitating information-sharing and improved communications.
- IT-data exchange capabilities, information sharing coordination and training auditors or new staff to perform full scope Preventive Controls (PC) inspections.
- Assist state manufactured and food regulatory programs to enhance regulatory and compliance response when a potential violative sample is identified in the lab. This objective is classified into several broad activities to enhance and support analogous cooperative agreements and other human and animal food related laboratory and response activities such as training, program improvement and infrastructure development and compliance implementation strategies.

Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$9.77M
- Current number of awards: 43

FFM CAP Awardees (FY2023)

• Alabama	• Colorado	• Indiana
• Alaska	• Connecticut	• Iowa
• Arizona	• Florida	• Kansas
• Arkansas	• Georgia	• Kentucky
• California*	• Illinois	• Maryland

- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina*
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Vermont
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- West Virginia*
- Wyoming

*Denotes a state with two agencies holding individual cooperative agreements.