

# Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Cooperative Agreement Program

## Program Description

- The Retail Flexible Funding Model Cooperative Agreement Program (RFFM CAP) provides funding to a national association/organization to develop, implement, and manage the Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) program.
- State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) retail food regulatory programs can apply and be sub awarded funds for completion of projects to reduce foodborne illness risk factors, move towards full conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS or Retail Program Standards) and fully leverage SLTT retail regulatory agencies.
- In addition, the national association will address objectives related to standardization and training.

## Intended Outcomes

- Develop and implement a system to administer financial assistance to State, local, territorial, and tribal retail regulatory food programs based on the FDA VNRFRPS retail flexible funding model.
- Develop and implement a standardized method to assess training needs of retail food regulatory jurisdictions and facilitate meeting those needs.
- Develop and implement a tracking system that quantifies the extent of Standardization of regulatory food safety inspection personnel within, and amount, regulatory retail food jurisdictions.

## Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$12M
- Current number of awards: 1

## Current Awardee

- The [National Health Association \(NEHA\)](#) has been awarded this cooperative agreement.