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FDA and AFDO Partner to Award Calendar Year 2021 Grants to State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal Regulatory Retail Food Programs

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) are proud to announce details for Calendar Year 2021 awards through the AFDO-Managed Retail Program Standards Grant Program. **Opening on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 and accepting applications through Tuesday, October 13, 2020**, the program provides funds for the completion of projects and training to enhance conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Retail Program Standards). Grant funding is open to state, local, territorial, and tribal regulatory retail food programs that have enrolled in the [Retail Program Standards](#). Applicants to this program can expect a simple application process, up-front funding when required by the project, and simple reporting requirements.

Funds are available for completing projects that meet Retail Program Standard goals and objectives in four categories:

- **Category 1: Small Projects (up to \$3,000)** - Examples: Completion of Self-Assessments of all Nine Standards, Verification Audits, Small Projects that help advance or maintain conformance with one or more Standards
- **Category 2: Moderate Projects (\$10,000 to \$20,000)** - Examples: Completion of foodborne illness Risk Factor Studies, implementation of comprehensive Intervention Strategies to reduce risk factors, computer software systems, Moderate Projects that help advance or maintain conformance with one or more Standards
- **Category 3: Training (up to \$3,000)** - Examples: Travel to training courses, workshops, and seminars that advance the goals of the Retail Program Standards
- **Category 4: Food Protection Task Force Projects (up to \$3,000)** - Examples: Projects that allow local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions to participate in existing state or territorial Food Protection Task Force activities (meetings, sponsored trainings, workshops, tabletop exercises and mentorship activities)

Jurisdictions that applied for and/or were awarded funds in past years are eligible to apply again for Calendar Year 2021 funding. Jurisdictions can apply for funding for one project in each of the four categories, for a maximum of four applications per jurisdiction. Total Calendar Year 2021 funding is estimated to be more than \$2 million. This will enable a significant number of awards for jurisdictions in all four project categories.

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How to Apply for Funding

To stay informed of the latest developments for this funding program, to learn additional program details, or for instructions on how to enroll in the Retail Program Standards, visit the AFDO Retail Food Safety Grants website at: <http://afdo.org/retailstandards>. The website will have the most up-to-date information about this grant program, and the application portal will open on September 2, 2020 to accept applications for Calendar Year 2021 funding.

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About the Association of Food and Drug Officials:

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), established in 1896, successfully fosters uniformity in the adoption and enforcement of science-based food, drug, medical devices, cosmetics and product safety laws, rules, and regulations. AFDO and its six Regional Affiliates provide the mechanism and the forum where regional, national and international issues are deliberated and resolved to uniformly provide the best public health and consumer protection in the most expeditious and cost effective manner.

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