



Announcing the 2017 Retail Program Standards Grant Program

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) are proud to announce Year 4 of the AFDO-administered Retail Program Standards Grant Program. The program provides funds for the completion of projects and training to enhance conformance with the Retail Program Standards.

- **Sub-award funding available to jurisdictions in 2017** is estimated to be more than **\$2 million**. This will enable a significant number of awards for jurisdictions in all four project categories.
- **Funding is open to state, local, territorial, and tribal regulatory retail food programs enrolled in the Retail Program Standards.** Jurisdictions that applied for and/or were awarded funds in previous years are eligible to apply for calendar year 2017 funds.

100%

Award rate for applications
submitted in Year 3 (2016)

"This grant program is easy to apply for and administer because most everything is done online. This type of setup streamlines the grant process and makes it easier to monitor the progress of the grant and submit for reimbursement." – **Appalachian District Health Department, North Carolina**

"I would highly recommend others apply for these grants. By having the funding available to our program, it allowed us to actually dedicate time to focus on accomplishing these goals and helped us prioritize how we focus our efforts on accomplishing other program standards." – **Municipality of Anchorage**

Project Categories and Ideas:

- **Category 1: Small Projects (up to \$3,000)** - Examples: Completion of Self-Assessments, 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, 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)** - The goal of this **new** category is to advance conformance with the Retail Program Standards by supporting attendance at Food Protection Task Force activities (or similar Food Advisory Board/Council activities, whether or not the Task Force/Board/Council is supported by an FDA grant).

Accepting
Applications:

NOVEMBER 2-

DECEMBER 1,
2016

For additional project ideas, please visit <http://afdo.org/RetailStandards/ideas>

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