

Voluntary National Shellfish Regulatory Program Standards and Milk/Shellfish Cooperative Agreement Updates

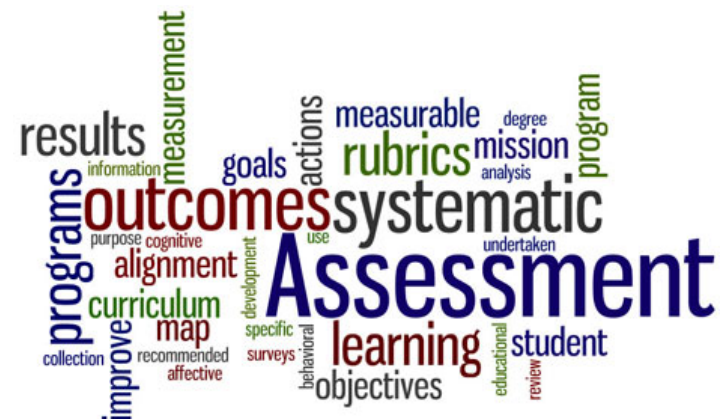
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Voluntary National Shellfish Regulatory Program Standards (VNSRPS)



- A guide to design and manage a shellfish regulatory program
- A tool to evaluate the effectiveness of food safety interventions

What vs. How



Voluntary Standards

- **Regulatory Foundation**
- **Trained Regulatory Staff**
- **Inspection Program**
- **Quality Assurance/Inspection Audit Program**
- **Foodborne Illness/Defense Preparedness/Response**
- **Compliance and Enforcement**
- **Industry and Community Relations**
- **Program Resources**
- **Program Assessment**
- **Laboratory Support**



Standards Committee



- **Plant Sanitation Element**
- **ISSC Standards**
- **Pilot Study**

Milk/Shellfish Cooperative Agreement (CA)



- **Training and Equipment Categories**
- **Priorities**
- **Joint Advisory Group (JAG)**



1st M/S CA Year One



- **\$675,000 awarded for 2017**
 - **\$303,455 for Shellfish**
- **Category 1: 2017 Annual Training Needs Grants (\$500 up to an average of \$2,000 per person/per course)**
 - **\$237,500 for Shellfish**
- **Category 2: Equipment Grants (up to \$3,000 for Milk and up to \$5,000 for Shellfish)**
 - **\$66,250 for Shellfish**

1st M/S CA Year Two



- **\$675,000 awarded for 2018**
 - **\$211,975 for Shellfish**
- **Category 1: 2018 Annual Training Needs Grants (\$500 up to an average of \$2,000 per person/per course)**
 - **\$211,975 for Shellfish**
- **Category 2: Equipment Grants (up to \$3,000 for Milk and up to \$5,000 for Shellfish)**
 - **\$0 for Shellfish (based on the recommendation of the JAG, funding was targeted for training)**

1st M/S CA Year Two Reallocation



\$161,000 reallocated from 2017 YEAR ONE

- **Category 2: Year Two 2018 Equipment Grants (up to \$3,000 for Milk and up to \$5,000 for Shellfish)***

\$88,527 for Shellfish





1st M/S CA Year Three

- **\$997,676 and growing to be awarded for 2019**
 - **\$451,153 for Shellfish**
- **2019 Annual Training Needs Grants (\$500 up to an average of \$2,000 per person/per course)**
 - **\$319,747 for Shellfish**

CY2019 Equipment

- **Based on returned fund balance (Year 1 + 2 Carryover)**
- **Anticipated total balance: \$200,000 to \$300,000**
- **Goal: Maximize awards to state programs**
- **State labs were also able to apply**
- **Requested: \$130,975 (Shellfish only)**
- **Awarded: \$131,406 (Shellfish only)**

2nd M/S Cooperative Agreement (Current CA)



Request for Application (RFA) issued on 02/26/19:
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-FD-19-004.html>

Notice of Grant Award (NGA) was awarded to the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) on 09/12/19

- **Five years 2020-2024**
- **\$2.2 - 3 million each year**

2nd M/S CA Year One

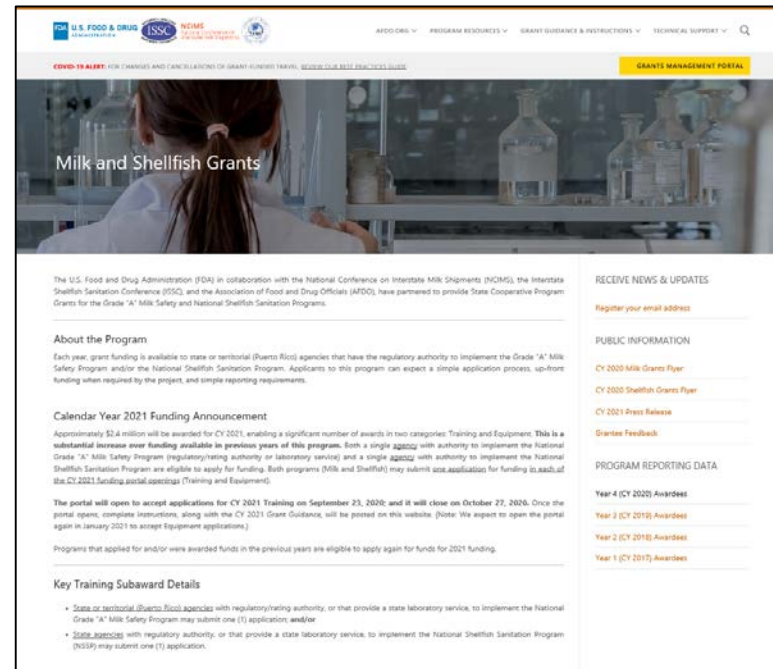


Total FDA Funding: \$2,800,000

- **\$2,266,676 allocated for Subawards (81%)**
- **87 Training + 69 Equipment = 156 Subawards**

totaling \$2,702,069

- ✓ **Equipment: 39 Milk/32 Shellfish applications received**
- ✓ **Eliminated 2 equipment award request due to various reasons**



Challenges Presented by COVID-19

“Responding to the training challenges that State and Territorial programs are facing in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, FDA will now allow CY 2020 Milk and Shellfish Training Subawards to be used for relevant Web-Based Training, and also for the purchase of Training Equipment. Prior approval is required.”

Feedback



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