NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Grant Program
Year 2 Grants for 2023 Projects

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RFFM Grant Program, Y2

Applications Accepted:
August 17 - October 12, 2022

CY 2023 Project Period
RFFM Grant Program

Overview

- Three Application Tracks
- Multiple Grant Types
- NEHA as Administrator for all Retail Grants
RFFM Grant Program

Our Goals

- Flexible to meet SLTT needs
- Simple and people-centered
- Prioritized customer service
- Enable significant progress with the Retail Program Standards
RFFM Grant Program, Y2

Virtual Tour of the updated Grant Portal
• Registration and information at: NEHA.org/RetailGrants

• Use the same Grant Portal to apply, using your Year 1 Login and Password

• Most Grant Program rules unchanged

• Retail Program Standards enrollment is required
• No new, 3-year grants this year

• Improved Track 1 and Track 2 Development Base Grant applications

• An earlier application period, August 17 – October 12, 2022 (7:59 pm EST)

• A full-year grant performance period: January 1 - December 31, 2023
Will it be easier to apply than in Year 1?

Answer is… we hope so!

We have taken to heart the many constructive comments received.
Available Grants
• **Required Outcome**: Complete an SA9 and a CSIP, or just a CSIP (Up to $5,000)

• **Optional Outcome 1**: Request to be a Mentee (Up to $14,000)

• **Optional Outcome 2**: Request funding to attend Self-Assessment and Verification Audit Workshops (Up to $7,500)

• **All through a single application**
• **Required Outcome**: For work on Standards 1 - 8 (Up to $5,000)

• **Optional Outcome**: For work on Standard 9 in pursuit of a Public Health Metric (Up to an additional $5,000)

• Track 2 Development Base applicants can apply for any or all of the three Optional Add-On Grants
• Mentorship:
  o Be a Mentee (Up to $14,000)
  o Be a Mentor with 1-5 Mentees (Up to $24,000)

• Training: Provide approved Retail Program Standard training to staff (Up to $7,500)

• Special Projects: Special Projects: Complete an Integrated Food Safety System special project (Up to $20,000)
Mentorship Program
• **Pairings**
  - Mentees will be paired with mentors who have experience working on the exact activities you propose in your application

• **Site Visits**
  - Spend time with your mentor and see how they apply the Standards you are working toward in day-to-day practice

• **Events**
  - Sharing Sessions
  - End-of-Year Meeting

• **Support**
  - NACCHO, NEHA, and FDA are always available to answer questions and solve any problems you may have throughout the project period
• Access to a support system of other LHDs during critical stages of navigating Program Standards;

• Identification and sharing of additional resources and tools;

• Encourages local, state, and federal interactions to improve the LHD’s food safety program;

• Provides an insider’s perspective on how to meet a Program Standard(s);

• Exposure to diverse perspectives and experiences of other LHDs
16 Mentees have moved on to mentor other jurisdictions!

• Are you ready?
  • Have you mentored anyone (within your jurisdiction or externally) in any of the following?
    • Completing a Self-Assessment of all 9 Standards
    • Conducting a Comprehensive Strategic Improvement plan
    • Working toward conformance with any of the 9 Standards
  • If so, then yes, you are ready!

• Assistance from NACCHO
  • NACCHO staff is available at all times via phone and email throughout the program
Mentor Best Practices

- Be Dependable
- Be Punctual
- Effectively Communicate
- Be a Role Model/Example
- Provide Vision and Perspective
- Provide Motivation
Mentee Best Practices

- Be Punctual
- Effectively Communicate
- Be a Role Model/Example
Impact of Mentorship

Conformance with At Least 1 Standard

% Achieving Conformance via VA

% Achieving Conformance via SA

Non-Participating LHDs  Mentorship Participants
Impact of Mentorship

Number of Standards Achieved

- Conformance via VA
  - Non-Participating LHDs
  - Mentorship Participants

- Conformance via SA
  - Non-Participating LHDs
  - Mentorship Participants
Impact of Program

90%
Standards have enabled staff to promote wider application of effective risk-factor intervention strategies in their agencies.

100%
Mentorship program has stimulated quality and performance improvement opportunities within their agencies.

100%
Mentorship Program has helped their agency achieve or make significant progress on the Standards.
Skills Gained

- Deeper understanding of Standards
- Public speaking skills
- Recognition as subject matter experts
- Identified/pursued additional resources
- Improved relationships with industry and FDA
- Leadership and mentorship skills
Specific Applicant Scenarios
New to the Retail Program Standards and the NEHA-FDA RFFM Grant Program?

• ENROLL now in the Retail Program Standards.

• REGISTER now for the RFFM Grant Program.

• Sign up for RFFM email communications.

• Consider a Track 1 Development Base Grant (see the Grant Guidance for details).
• Register Now for the NEHA - FDA RFFM Grant Program.

• Make sure your SA9 is up to date and consider completing a CSIP, so that you can apply for a Track 2 Development Base Grant.

• Sign up for RFFM email communications.

• You will also have the option to apply for up to three Optional Add-On Grants: Training, Mentorship, and Special Projects.
• Make sure you are on-track to finish all of your current, open grants (and ideally close your grants early when you can).

• Check out the Track 1 and Track 2 Development Base Grant options to see which is right for you.
• Make sure you are on track to finish all of your Year 1 deliverables (and consider submitting your Annual Progress Report in November).

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• You *cannot* apply for another base grant.
- August 1: CY 2023 Grant Guidance posted
- August 17: Grant Portal opens for CY 2023 applications
- October 12: Grant Portal closes at 7:59 PM ET
- Early December: Awards will be announced
- January 1 – December 31, 2023: Project Period for all CY 2023 grant types
Grant portal opens on August 17!

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Questions?

NEHA-FDA RFFM Grant Program Support Team

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WE NEED YOUR HELP.

RETAIL FOOD SAFETY REGULATORY TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Be part of this historical national assessment to:
- Identify strengths and gaps in educational resources for the retail food safety regulatory professional
- Give input on jurisdiction-level training needs
- Help continue to build a robust national Integrated Food Safety System

Outcomes
- Bolster educational resources
- Reduce knowledge gaps in training materials
- Improve workforce capabilities

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Thank you!