

# The NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program



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# The Program Offers...

- Two Types of Base Grants
- Four Optional Add-On Grants
- Today's Focus: The *Training / Staff Development and Program Standards Engagement* Optional Add-On Grant



# Requirements to Apply

- Enroll in the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS or Retail Program Standards)
- Apply for a Base Grant
- Use the Base Grant to Achieve Standards and Elements



# Requirements For Most Training Offerings:

- A current Self-Assessment of All Nine Standards (SA9), completed September 2016 or later
- A completed Comprehensive Strategic Improvement Plan (CSIP)



# Training / Staff Development and Program Standards Engagement Optional Add-On Grants

- Offer up to \$7,500 per year
- For attendance at Retail Program Standards-focused trainings
- For equipment to be used specifically to participate in virtual training



# Eligible Training

- Self-Assessment and Verification Audit Workshops (in-person)
- Retail Food Courses offered by/on behalf of FDA (in-person courses)
- FDA Retail Food Safety Seminars
- Other forums that discuss or deliberate issues directly impacting the FDA Food Code or the Retail Program Standards (such as NEHA AEC, AFDO AEC, NACCHO, and CFP)





# Helpful Hints

- Be Specific:
  - ✓ Courses, workshops, or conferences including locations and dates
  - ✓ Names and titles of staff who will attend
- Focus on how the training will help your jurisdiction make progress in the Retail Program Standards



# Later in Today's Presentation...

A live demonstration of a *Training / Staff Development and Program Standards Engagement Application* in the Grant Program Portal



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Training / Staff Development and Program  
Standards Engagement Application  
Live Demo...



# Save your work; and save it often!



# Important Dates to Remember...

**Sept. 1, 2021 — Grant Portal Opens for Registrations**

**Sept. 9, 2021 — Grant Portal Opens for CY 2022 Grant Year**

**Nov. 15, 2021 — Grant Portal Closes, Proposals Due @ 7:59 PM ET**

**February 2022 — Project Period Begins for all Grant Types**

**Dec. 31, 2022 — Project Period Ends for all 1-Year Grants (projected)**



# Questions & Answers

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