

## AFDO Media Release

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### ***FDA, ISSC, NCIMS and AFDO Partner to offer Training Sub Awards to State and Territorial Milk and Shellfish Programs***

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC), the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS), and the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) are proud to announce details of the National Grade “A” Milk Safety and National Shellfish Sanitation Grant Program Equipment Sub Awards. The program provides funds in support of state and territorial (Puerto Rico) agencies that have the regulatory authority to implement the National Grade “A” Milk Safety Program and/or the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. Applicants to this program can expect a simple application process, up-front funding when required by the project, and simple reporting requirements.

### **Key dates for the Milk and Shellfish Equipment Grants:**

- **October 2 through November 10, 2023:** Open application period for Training grants for milk and shellfish regulatory programs. Please carefully review the Calendar Year 2024 Training Grant Guidance that is posted on the AFDO Milk and Shellfish Grant Program website before filling out your application.
- **December 2023:** Award notices issue by December 8, 2023, for 2024 Training awards.
- **Project Period:** The project period for training grants will be January 1 through December 31, 2024, with final reports due mid-February 2025.

Agencies that applied for and/or were previously awarded funds are eligible to apply again for the new funding year.

### **How to Apply for Funding**

To stay informed of the latest developments on this funding opportunity and to find more information about it, visit the AFDO Milk and Shellfish Grants website at:

[afdo.org/grants/msgnants](http://afdo.org/grants/msgnants) The website will have the most up-to-date information about this grant program. To access the grant portal visit [msgnants.fluxx.io](http://msgnants.fluxx.io)

## **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 products, 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.