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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 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS), the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC), and the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) are announcing details of the National Grade “A” Milk Safety and National Shellfish Sanitation Grant Program Training 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 Training Grants:

- **September 28 through November 6, 2026:** Open application period for Training grants for milk and shellfish regulatory programs. Please carefully review the Calendar Year 2027 Training Grant Guidance that is posted on the AFDO Milk and Shellfish Grant Program website before filling out your application.
- **December 2026:** Award notices will issue by December 11, 2026, for 2027 Training awards.
- **Project Period:** The project period for training grants will be January 1 through September 30, 2027, with final reports due October 31, 2027.

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. The website will have the most up-to-date information about this grant program. To access the grant portal visit msgnants.fluxx.io.

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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 devices, 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.

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