

FDA FACT SHEET

FDA-State Produce Safety Implementation Cooperative Agreement Program (PAR-21-174)

Program Description

- The FDA's Cooperative Agreement Program for States and Territories to Implement a National Produce Safety Program ([PAR-21-174](#)), is also referred to as FDA-State Produce Safety Implementation CAP.
- The Produce Safety Rule established, for the first time, science-based minimum standards for the safe growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of fruits and vegetables grown for human consumption.
- FDA has continued its funding of state produce safety programs for a second 5-year period. The first 5-year period began in 2016 with state and territorial agencies to develop produce programs.
- The overall purpose of this funding is to advance efforts for a national integrated food safety system (IFSS) by supporting state and territory Produce Safety Programs to enhance produce safety and achieve high rates of compliance with the FDA's Produce Safety Rule.
- Eligible applicants for this cooperative agreement include state/territory government agencies with actual or potential regulatory oversight and responsibility over their respective jurisdiction's commodities regulated in FDA's Produce Safety Rule.
- Program Path (A, B, or C) selected by the grantee primarily distinguishes how they choose to accomplish a Produce Safety regulatory program and participate in this program.
 - PATH A: Jurisdictions that will not conduct produce safety inspections (non-regulatory programs) but will complete other applicable program objectives.
 - PATH B: Jurisdictions that will conduct produce safety inspections under FDA's authority and will complete other applicable program objectives.
 - PATH C: Jurisdictions that will conduct produce safety inspections under their own authority and will complete other applicable program objectives.
- Funding amounts are based on band assignments for each Program Path. Band assignments are based on the anticipated workload for each grantee. A description of the band assignments can be found in the [PAR-21-174 Funding Opportunity Announcement \(FOA\)](#).

Program Objectives

The program objectives outlined below are detailed in the [PAR-21-174 Funding Opportunity Announcement \(FOA\)](#):

- **Objective 1. Assessment and Planning**
Develop and maintain Project Plan and Assessment documents that will guide the development of the grantee's produce program.
- **Objective 2. Program Administration**
Establish the foundational resources, including, but not limited to, personnel, supplies, training, authority, and agreements, needed to fulfill the grantee's project plan.
- **Objective 3. Education, Outreach, and Technical Assistance**
Provide opportunities for education, outreach, and technical assistance on the Produce Safety Rule and the jurisdiction's produce regulatory program to produce farms, prioritizing covered farms.

- Objective 4. Farm Inventory**
 Establish a complete and accurate inventory of produce farms, which can be used to implement corresponding objectives of this CAP.
- Objective 5. Inspection Program**
 In effort to support an IFSS, inspection regulatory programs should be focused on quality and national consistency. This objective is applicable to grantee agencies that will conduct produce safety rule inspections funded by this CAP.
- Objective 6. Compliance and Enforcement Program**
 Establish compliance and enforcement programs tailored to their chosen program path. In any event, it is recommended that all programs coordinate with local/state/federal agencies to utilize the compliance and enforcement action(s) that will result in greatest protection of public health. In effort to support an IFSS, compliance and enforcement regulatory programs should be focused on quality and national consistency.
- Objective 7. Produce Related Event Response Planning and Implementation**
 Each jurisdiction should have the capability to systematically detect, investigate, mitigate, document, and analyze produce related incidents to stop, control and prevent hazards that are likely to result in a produce related illness, injury or outbreak. Grantee's may document a plan and request additional funding to develop a capability/capabilities that does not exist within the jurisdiction.

Program Information

- Current program funding: \$31.4M
- Current number of grantees in program: 47

FDA-State Produce Safety Implementation CAP Awardees (FY2022)							
Alabama	Alaska	Arkansas	Arizona	California	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware
Florida	Georgia	Hawaii	Idaho	Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Kentucky
Louisiana	Maine	Maryland	Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi	Missouri
Montana	Nebraska	Nevada	New Hampshire	New Mexico	New Jersey	New York	North Carolina
North Dakota	Ohio	Oklahoma	Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee
Texas	Utah	Vermont	Virginia	Washington	Wisconsin	West Virginia	

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