

# FDA FACT SHEET

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## LABORATORY FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL (LFFM) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

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### Program Description

- Strengthen FDA's efforts to prevent foodborne illness and minimize foodborne exposures
- Enhance the capacity and capabilities of state human and animal food testing laboratories in support of an integrated food safety system
- Utilize sample testing to assist the FDA and our regulatory partners prevent contaminated product from reaching consumers
- Equip our partner laboratories with additional resources that can be employed to build and increase sample throughput capacity within their state

### Intended Outcomes

- Improve human and animal food testing surveillance programs.
- Enhance the network capacity of state laboratories by using sample testing in the areas of microbiology, chemistry, and radiochemistry, and the development of special projects.
- Expand the national capacity in scientific technology and other areas of interest.
- Accelerate foodborne illness outbreak investigations and reduce foodborne illnesses and deaths.
- Utilize sample data generated by these laboratories to remove adulterated food from commerce and aide regulatory programs in conducting inspections.
- Develop methods for early identification of emerging issues, monitoring and evaluation for future sampling initiatives.
- Monitor circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in populations with high percentages of agricultural and/or food facility workers in alignment with the 21 FORWARD platform. Funding for this project is specific to year 2 only.

### Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$21.7M - ORA, \$3.6M - CFSAN
- Current number of awards: 55

LFFM CAP Awardees (FY2022)							
Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	California*	Colorado*	Connecticut	Florida*	Georgia
Hawaii	Iowa*	Illinois	Indiana*	Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana	Massachusetts
Maryland	Michigan*	Minnesota*	Missouri	Mississippi	North Carolina*	Nebraska	New Hampshire
New Jersey*	New Mexico	Nevada	New York*	Ohio	Pennsylvania*	Rhode Island	South Carolina
South Dakota	Tennessee	Texas*	Virginia	Vermont	Washington	Wisconsin	West Virginia

\*Denotes states with two or more agencies with LFFM Cooperative Agreements

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