

“The systems and regulatory foundations developed through MFRPS, have enabled a quicker shift to address the unique inspectional needs of our COVID-19 environment. Prior to the pandemic, MFRPS encouraged us to build proper networks, update contact information and develop virtual trainings. This has allowed for everything from virtual “teams” meetings for emergency response and illness outbreak discussions to virtual style inspections that include the necessary touch points. The established MFRPS systems have enabled us to quickly update and change our systems to account for COVID-19. ”. Sandra Craig, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Financial Assistance to Build Foundational and Quality State Programs

At this time, the Flexible Funding Model (FFM) may provide up to \$300,000 per year for up to 5 years for the MFRPS *Development Phase*. Based on the program's chosen options (Rapid Response Team, Food Protection Task Force, Special Projects, etc.) and the criteria-based data level, the *Maintenance Phase* could provide from \$150,000 to \$300,000 to the program per year. Additional funding for various projects may be available as expansion grants. Funding could be provided as long as funding remains available, and the agency's progress remains acceptable.

This FFM funding can be used for:

- Hiring appropriate staff, including a dedicated coordinator to oversee the MFRPS program
- Covering the costs of inspectional staff training, to include both course fees and travel costs
- Offsetting some staff salaries to enable time for MFRPS
- Acquisitoning inspectional equipment and tools
- Upgrading necessary inspectional or laboratory capabilities



FDA SUPPORT FOR MFRPS ENROLLEES

- Offers dedicated FDA staff to work with state program staff, provide expertise and technical support including annual meetings
- Builds collaboration between state programs, divisions within the FDA and other outside agencies
- Encourages integration of data collection systems to improve interoperability between the FDA and state programs



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (includes link to funding announcement):**
[Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards \(MFRPS\) | FDA](#)
- **Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance (MFRPA):** www.afdo.org/MFRPA
- **FoodSHIELD:** www.foodshield.org
- **FSMA (includes link to the Technical Assistance Network):** [Food Safety Modernization Act \(FSMA\) | FDA](#)
- **FDA Office of Partnerships:** [For Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Officials | FDA](#)
- **FDA Regulatory Program Standards:** [Regulatory Program Standards | FDA](#)

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