

other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 7000; *Total Annual Responses:* 7000; *Total Annual Hours:* 583.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Innovative Food Safety Projects; Availability of Grants; Request for Applications

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of grant funds for the support of an innovative food safety program. The agency will have approximately \$300,000 available for this program in fiscal year (FY) 2003. FDA anticipates making at least six awards, not to exceed \$50,000 (direct and indirect costs combined) per award per year. Support of these grants will be for 1 year. The number of grants funded will depend on the quality of the applications received and the availability of Federal funds to support the grant. These grants are not intended to fund food inspections.

DATES: Submit applications by July 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Application kits are available from, and completed

applications should be submitted to Cynthia M. Polit, Grants Management Office (HFA-520), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7180, e-mail: cpolit@oc.fda.gov. Applications hand-carried or commercially delivered should be addressed to 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 2129, Rockville, MD 20852. Application forms PHS-5161-1 (7/00) are available via the Internet at <http://www.psc.gov/forms> (revised 7/00). **NOTE:** Do not send applications to the Center for Scientific Research (CSR), National Institutes of Health.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding the administrative and financial management aspects of this notice: Cynthia M. Polit (see **ADDRESSES**).

Regarding the programmatic aspects of this notice: Paul M. Raynes, Division of Federal-State Relations (HFC-150), Office of Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12-07, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-6906, e-mail: dfsr@ora.fda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

FDA will support projects covered by this notice under Title XVII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 1702). FDA's project program is described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, No. 93.245, and applicants are limited to food safety regulatory agencies of State, local, and tribal governments.

FDA urges applicants to submit work plans that address specific objectives of "Healthy People 2010." Applicants may obtain a paper copy of the "Healthy People 2010" objectives, volumes I and II, for \$70 (\$87.50 foreign) (S/N 017-000-00550-9), by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. Telephone orders can be placed to 202-512-2250. The document is also available in CD-ROM format (S/N 017-001-00549-5) for \$19 (\$23 foreign) as well as on the Internet at <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>. Internet viewers should proceed to "Publications."

The Public Health Service (PHS) strongly encourages all award recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to discourage the use of all tobacco products. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

II. Background

The Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) is the inspection component of FDA and utilizes approximately 1,600 investigators and inspectors to oversee the country's approximately 95,000 FDA-regulated businesses. These investigators inspect more than 15,000 facilities a year. In addition to their efforts under the standard inspection program, they conduct special investigations and food inspection recall audits, perform consumer complaint inspections, and collect samples of regulated products. FDA has relied on the States in assisting with these activities through formal contracts, partnership agreements, and other arrangements. Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, the demands on both the agency and the States have increased. Procedures need to be reviewed and innovative changes made that will increase effectiveness and efficiency and conserve resources. ORA will continue to support food safety programs by: (1) Effectively and efficiently ensuring compliance of regulatory products, and (2) providing high quality, science-based work that results in maximizing consumer protection. Since its inception in FY 1999 this program has been extremely successful and generated significant projects benefiting State and local governments, FDA, and the general public. To view past awards view the ORA Web site at www.fda.gov/ora/fed_state/Innovative_Grants.html.

In partnership with our State and local food safety agencies, FDA will continue to develop innovative food safety programs that would be utilized nationally by State and local food safety regulatory agencies. Even though the American food supply is among the safest in the world, 76 million Americans become ill each year from the food they consume, and approximately 5,000 Americans a year, primarily the very young and elderly, die as a result. The goal of our food safety programs is to further reduce the incidence of foodborne disease to the greatest extent possible. Innovative food safety programs that are developed at the State and local levels and have national implication could enhance programs that are developed at the Federal level.

A. Project Goals, Definitions, and Examples

The specific goal of this program is to complement, develop, or improve State and local food safety programs that could be applied to food safety