



## Food Protection Task Force Grant Program Update

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# FPTF Conference Grant Program

- The State Food Protection Task Force Grant Program was created:



# FPTF Grant Program Overview

- In 2005, in collaboration with the CDC, the FDA announced the availability of conference grant funding for meetings of State Food Safety and Food Security Task Forces
- This announcement increased the level of funding to \$7,000, contingent on continued funding assistance by the CDC

# FPTF Grant Program Overview

- In 2008 the FDA assumed total responsibility for the FPTF Conference Grant Program
- The program awarded grants at the \$5,000 per year level
- In 2009 the program expanded eligibility criteria to include State Governments, Federally-Recognized Tribal Governments, and City or Township Governments

# FPTF Grant Program Overview

- In 2009 we had 17 grantees participating in the program
- In 2011 we had our peak participation at 26 different FPTFs participating in the grant program
- The grant program currently has 16 FPTFs participating

# Food Protection Task Forces (FPTF) and Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)

- How does your Food Protection Task Force fit into an Integrated Food Safety System?
- Look around the room...how many of the FPTFs in this room have you collaborated with?
- How many have you shared your research, resources, and educational materials with?

# Food Protection Task Forces (FPTF) and Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)

- This is not a “gotcha moment” ...most of you are working with neighboring FPTFs
- The purpose of this thought-exercise is to get you thinking of additional possibilities and opportunities to collaborate
- With complex systems, “the whole is more than the sum of its parts” -Systems Theory
- The more you collaborate with other FPTFs, the greater the overall impact in an IFSS

# Food Protection Task Forces (FPTF) and Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)

- My personal experience has been that the agency (FDA) sees FPTFs as a valuable intelligence, communication, and dissemination partner
- Are you involving the local FDA District Office personnel to your meetings?
- Implementing an IFSS and establishing “mutual reliance” are key words the agency has been using, how can your FPTF further these concepts?
- What information can you provide to the agency that fosters these objectives? (grantees and non-grantees)



# Additional FPTF (potential) Opportunities

- OP is currently working on an existing program to potentially provide additional funds to travel personnel to the conferences
- OP has proposed changes to the FPTF Grant Program to have a focus on FPTF/IFSS-related projects
- OP has proposed a new funding model to decrease the administrative burden and streamline the funding of FPTFs

# Additional FPTF (potential) Opportunities

- It is important to note that these are all under review and have the possibility of being changed and are also dependent on the availability of funding
- OP has decided to provide these intentions in the spirit of transparency, but there has not been a final decision on any of the aforementioned (potential) opportunities

# Closing Thoughts

- FPTFs are recognized as a key component in implementing an IFSS and establishing the concept of mutual reliance
- How can your FPTF assist in meeting these objectives/goals?
- What information can you provide the agency to initiate critical dialogue and/or points-of-consideration?
- You know your respective states, what does your FPTF see as ways to engage other FPTFs and the agency?

# FPTF Feedback

- “Emphasis is placed on fostering communication and cooperation between various state and local food regulatory agencies.”
- “While ‘official’ networks and pathways at the higher level of leadership are necessary...it has also been satisfying to see cross-organizational ‘one on one’ partnerships being formed.”

# Burning Questions?



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