

# FDA FACT SHEET

## SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE GRANT PROGRAM

### Program Description

- The purpose of a Small Conference Grant is to facilitate federal financial assistance in support of small conferences and scientific meetings clearly defined within the FDA mission.
- Awards up to \$50,000.
- Awarded twice a year (calendar year).
- Provides financial assistance to allow various organizations to meet and collaborate on current and emerging human food, animal food, drug and device issues impacting health and safety.
- To conduct scientific meetings, symposiums, seminars, workshops or any formal meeting, whether conducted face-to-face or virtually to exchange information and explore a defined subject issue or area of concern impacting the public’s health within the scope of FDA’s mission.

### Intended Outcomes

- To provide a forum for all stakeholders – regulatory agencies, academia, industry, consumers, state legislators, boards of health and agriculture and other interested parties to network, learn and improve public health initiatives.
- To advance scientific knowledge (concepts, methods, technologies, services, preventive interventions).
- To communicate and disseminate key FDA objectives and mandates.

### Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$796K
- Current number of awards: 18
- Current number of grantees: 12

Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)	Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)	Southern Region Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDOSS)	Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)	Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials (CASA)	DC Department of Health
Mid-Continental Association (MCAFDO)	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)	National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)	National Egg Regulatory Officials (NERO)	Western Region Association of Food and Drug Officials (WAFDO)	STEM Food Safety (Rochelle Consulting LLC)

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