

Analysis

Oregon Department of Agriculture

Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards

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Request: Approve the submission of two federal grant applications by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The first grant, for Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) program, will be for an amount of \$225,000 to ensure quality food inspections. The second grant, for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) program, will be for an amount of \$350,000 for laboratory accreditation.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The MFRPS grant funds will be used to help ODA maintain conformance with ten quality criteria for state manufactured food inspection programs, which ODA has done since 2007. The grant funds will be used to support three limited duration positions in the Food Safety Program, and provide additional staff training for one year.

The ISO accreditation grant funds will be used to ensure state regulatory laboratories maintain ISO accreditation for food safety tests such as tests for disease-causing bacteria, and to help prepare the laboratory for new federal food safety regulations. The grant funds from this request will be used over a two-year period to support these efforts.

Both grants are part of competitive application processes, and are due no later than May 1, 2017. Neither grant requires a state match. Grant awards are expected to be announced around September 1, 2017. Upon notification of a grant award, ODA will work with the Legislative Fiscal Office on expenditure limitation as appropriate.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.