

Oregon Department of Agriculture Connolly

Request: Requesting authorization to apply for two grants; one for \$225,000 for the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS) grant and one for \$350,000 for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) grant, both from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has been receiving the MFRPS grant for 10 years. The MFRPS grant provides funding to states to reach and maintain compliance with 10 quality criteria for state manufactured foods inspection programs. Oregon is in conformance with the standards and will use the new grant funding to maintain conformance and to fund FDA training for ODA staff. The agency is requesting \$225,000, which is less than in prior years. ODA believes the smaller grant will allow it to participate in the program and maintain its performance, but will make more food inspector time available for routine food inspections. No state match is required for this grant and it is a one-year grant.

ODA is also requesting approval to apply for a two-year ISO accreditation grant of \$350,000 from the FDA. In 2016, the ODA laboratory received ISO accreditation for several regulatory tests that support the Food Safety Program regulatory work in its manufactured foods program. The grant will be used to maintain and enhance ISO accreditation of ODA's regulatory laboratory. The process of remaining accredited requires continuous improvement by the laboratory and the grant funding will be used for that purpose. The ISO accreditation is critical to ODA's ability to meet the requirements of the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards. No state match is required for this grant.

The grants were posted on March 1, 2017 and must be applied for by May 1, 2017.

ODA's 2017-19 Governor's Budget includes Federal Funds limitation and three limited duration positions to continue ongoing work related to these grants. If Policy Package 270 is approved, no further limitation or position authority will be requested.