



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Gwen M. Williams, Health & Licensing Officer

DATE: August 11, 2020

SUBJECT: Request to Apply for FDA Grant

Recommendation

Authorize the City Manager to apply for FDA grant funding to enhance the City's food service inspection and licensing processes.

Background

The U.S Food and Drug Administration offers several small-to-medium sized grants to state, local, territorial and tribal regulatory retail food programs to enhance conformance to federal standards and to encourage the growth of regulatory programs. These grants range from \$3,000 to \$20,000, and require no match from the recipient.

Discussion

The City was awarded an FDA grant in 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the award was not able to be used.

The upcoming application cycle for the 2021 cycle begins September 2nd and closes October 13th of 2020. These grants are designed to facilitate the consistency and equity with which we enforce our Code of Ordinances. If approved, Health and Licensing staff will be able to attend the FDA National Conference and receive training in the latest food safety innovations and outreach techniques.