



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Gwen M. Williams, Health & Licensing Officer

DATE: October 15th, 2021

SUBJECT: Request to Apply for FDA Grant

Recommendation

Accept this report authorizing the City Manager to apply for FDA grant funding to enhance the Health Office's 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 \$3000 to \$20,000, and require no matching from the recipient.

Discussion

The application cycle for these grants closes November 15th of 2021. The City would apply for a Track 1 grant. Track 1 grants support the completion of a comprehensive strategic improvement plan, which would facilitate the City's compliance with the FDA Voluntary Retail Standards. The City would be able at any time to discontinue this program with no financial penalties.

These grants are designed to facilitate the consistency and equity with which we enforce our Code of Ordinances.