

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate \$6,000 of Grant Funds from the Association of Food and Drug Officials

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts grant funds from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) and appropriates \$6,000 to the County's Grant Fund.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners receives and appropriates grant funding.

Background: The Environmental Health and Safety Division (EH&S) of the Environmental Services Department is enrolled in the FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Program Standards). The Program Standards provides a national benchmark of quality improvement for local jurisdictions to evaluate and improve food safety programs. The goal of the Program Standards is to reduce risk factors in restaurants that contribute to foodborne illness.

To incentivize participation in the Program Standards, AFDO awards FDA funding grants for training and projects that support quality assurance and uniformity of inspections in jurisdictions. In December 2018, AFDO awarded Wake County two grants totaling \$6,000.00. The training grant will fund staff members to attend the FDA Regional Seminar in October 2019; the small project grant will support a risk factor study of temporary food establishments (TFE) that associated with fairs and festivals. During the risk factor study, data collectors will observe routine operations and document violations associated with foodborne illness. Staff will develop targeted training associated with the findings to improve public health protection at future TFE operations in the county.

Board Goal: This Board action supports routine County business.

Fiscal Impact: This action has no fiscal impact. There are no matching funds required for these grants.

Additional Information:

None.

Attachments:

1. Award Letter for Risk Factor Study
2. Award Letter for Training
3. Budget Memo – FY2019 Grants and Donations Fund