

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate \$15,000 of Grant Funds from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts grant funds from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) and appropriates \$15,000 to the County's Grants and Donations Fund.

Item Summary:

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

Background: Wake County 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 2019, AFDO awarded Wake County two grants totaling \$15,000. A training grant will fund staff members to attend the FDA Regional Seminar in October 2020; a moderate project grant will support a risk factor study retail food establishments in Wake County. 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.

Board Goal: This Board action supports routine County business.

Fiscal Impact: The action appropriates \$15,000 in reimbursement based grants from the Association of Food and Drug officials. No County matching funds are required.

Attachments:

1. Award Letter for Risk Factor Study
2. Award Letter for Training
3. Budget Memo