

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: 7713 – Scheduled for 6/4/2024 BOS Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve NEHA-FDA Model Grant Program awards for working on Standards 2,4,9 and training (G-BDEV2 202310-04899- \$17,500.00, with the Cochise Health & Social Services Environmental Health Division with a grant period for all three of 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024.

Background (Brief):

The training grant will support sending one Environmental Health Staff to attend the AFDO Conference in Grand Rapids, MI and two Environmental Health Staff to the National Environmental Health Association AEC Conference in Pittsburg, PA.

The development grant will support the Environmental Health division's work to meet FDA Standard 2 Trained Regulatory Staff with the desired outcome that staff are trained with the skills and knowledge necessary to conduct quality inspections.

The development grant will support the Environmental Health division's work to meet FDA Standard 4 Uniform Inspection program. Environmental Health will work towards creating a quality assurance program that will develop written procedures for performing food service and retail food inspections, develop a monitoring system for reviewing inspections, and determine corrective actions to take whenever quality and consistency problems are identified.

The grant will aid the Environmental Health division to continue developing our risk factor study, continue inspections specific to the risk factor study, developing a study design using both collected and observational data, conduct analysis of the information, and with an outcome of creating a report that outlines intervention strategies specific to Cochise County's needs. This grant will help Environmental Health work towards meeting FDA Standard 9- Program Assessment

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

Funding source is U2FFD007358 CFDA Number: 93.103 - Food and Drug Administration Research

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:

If approved the Environmental Health Division will begin utilizing the grant rewards in their work.

Impact of Not Approving:

If not approved, our Environmental Health Division will not be able to make the progress they had hoped to make in 2024.