USDA-NIFA-FSOP Program Update

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Food Safety Outreach Program

• FY2020 RFA
• FY2019 FSOP Funds Release Update
• Competitive Grants Timeline
• Staff changes and other Administrative Updates
Food Safety Outreach Program RFA

- The FY2020 RFA is in the final clearance phase
- Anticipated release date – Mid February 2020
- Anticipated due date – April/May 2020
- No major changes from prior year
FY2019 Funds Release

• The release of capacity and competitive annual funds typically occurs one to two months after the beginning of each fiscal year (by November 30). The release of funds this year will be, on average, an additional two months later than previous years (by January 31).  https://nifa.usda.gov/grants

• They have released a few projects.
Competitive Grant Timeline

NIFA

- Award Announcement
- Administrative Review

Applicant

- Hear back from NIFA
- Respond to Agency
- Award
- Set up funding
- Withdraw funds
Staff Changes/Administrative Updates

- Staff changes will happen often
- There are no AMD contact persons at this time, all questions must be routed through the email box.
  - Use Awards@usda.gov
- ASAP Questions
  - ASAPCustomerService@usda.gov
  - Email: ASAPhelpdesk@fiscal.treasury.gov (ASAP or password issues)
Staff Changes/Administrative Updates

• As for March 1\textsuperscript{st}, Dr. Chester will be on detail and not responsible for the program.

• Dr. Helen Chipman, Acting Division Director for Nutrition and Food Safety will be responsible until she appoints another staff member.

• She can be reached at Helen.Chipman@usda.gov.
Annual Reports are due

• Please complete the Annual Report by the due date. Even if you haven’t completed any work, update the report with 0’s.
Questions

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