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FOOD SAFETY OUTREACH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Overview

- Programmatic Overview
- 2021 Highlights
- 2022 Updates
- Current awardee follow-up and housekeeping

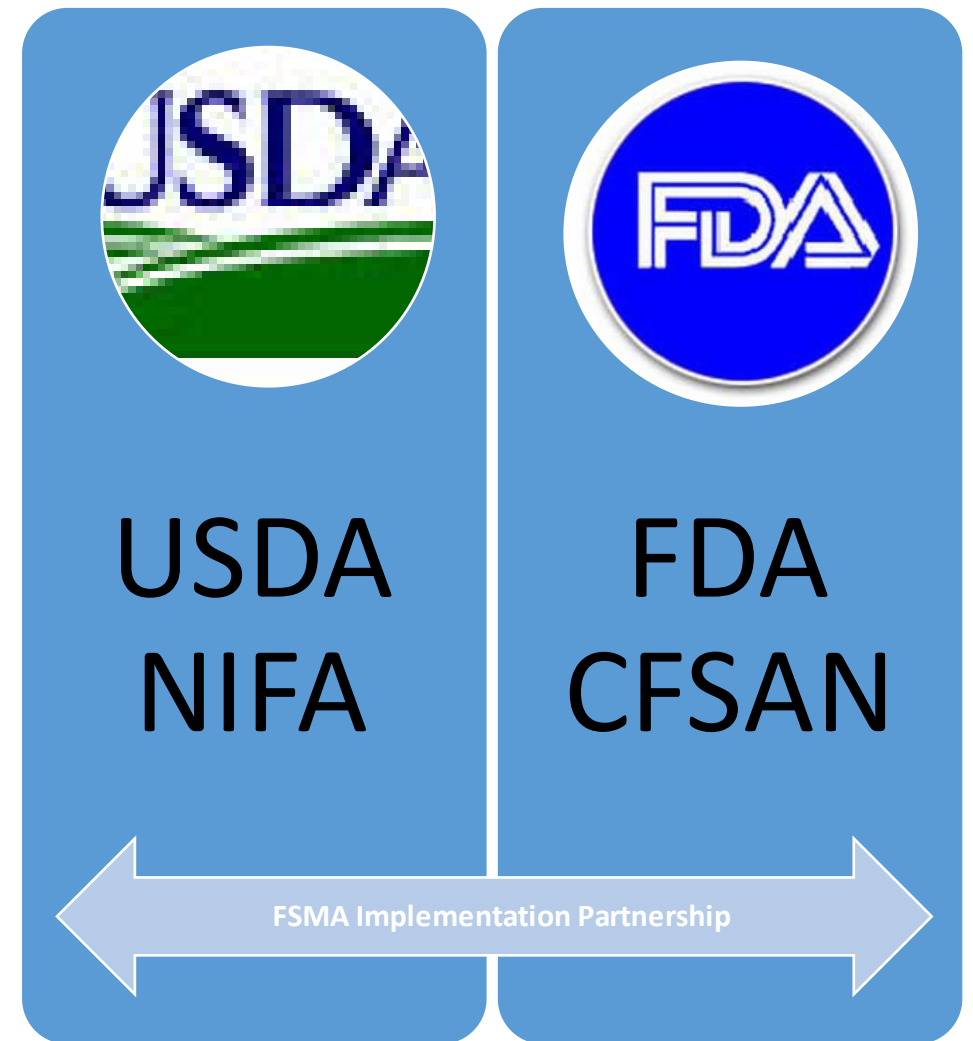
Introduction

- In 2011 FSMA was signed into legislation
- USDA and FDA must partner to establish National Food Safety Training, Education, Extension, Outreach and Technical Assistance Competitive Grant Program, better known as FSOP.



Federal Partnership

- FY – 2015 USDA-NIFA and FDA-CFSAN established a formal partnership
- Established a NCC and 4RCs to extend FS Education to targeted communities



Purpose

Provide customized food safety education to specific audiences affected by the new guidelines established under FSMA

Targeted Audience

Small and Mid-
sized Farms

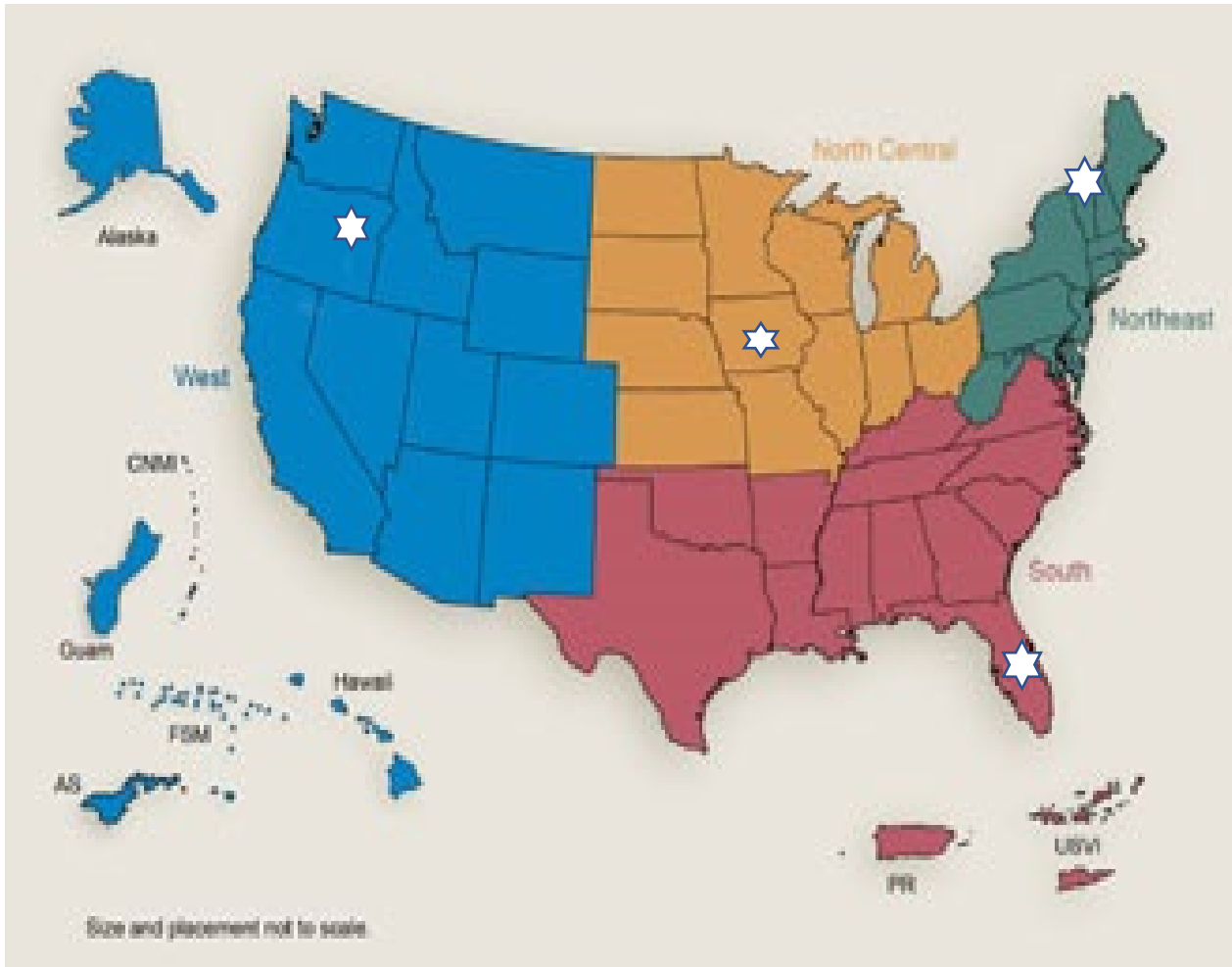
Beginning Farmers

Socially
Disadvantaged
Farmers

Small Processors

Small Fresh
Produce Merchant
Wholesalers

National Infrastructure



Lead Regional Center

- University of Florida

Western and Southern Regional Centers

- Oregon State University
- University of Florida

North Central and Northeast Regional Centers

- Iowa State University
- University of Vermont & State Agricultural College

2022 Food Safety Outreach Program

\$10 million dollars to fund;
Community Outreach Projects
&
Collaborative Education and Training Projects



Collaborative Engagement Supplements

- Up to \$150,000 additional funding
- Significant partnerships with 1890, 1862, 1994, Insular Area, ANNH, or HSACUs
 - Budgets, Key personnel, and Objectives should reflect these partnerships
- Community Outreach Projects – Max budget \$300,000
- Collaborative Education and Training Projects – Max budget \$550,000



FY 2021 Award Highlights

Awards: 21

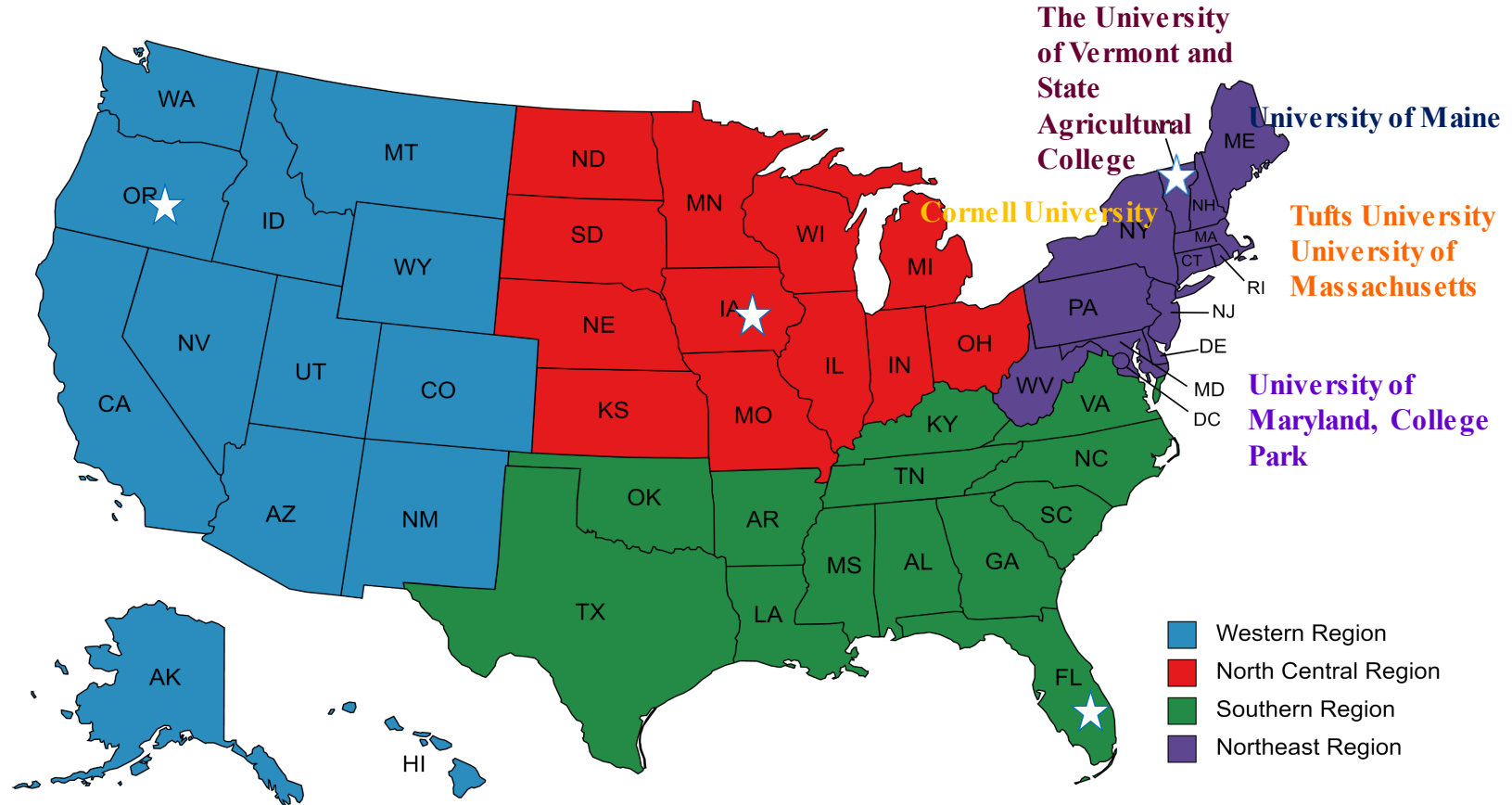
Program Budget: ~\$10 M

No. of Awards By Project Types

Community Outreach	Collaborative Education and Training	Regional Centers
4	13	4

No. of Awards By Region

Western	North Central	Southern	Northeast
6	4	5	6



Note: Other insular areas are included in the FSOP but are not represented on the map





FY 2022 Proposal Submission

Thank you for your recent submission to the Food Safety Outreach Program. This letter acknowledges that your proposal will undergo the program's peer-review process. We expect to notify applicants about funding recommendations in late winter/early spring.

During the review process, please inform us of changes in:

- 1) Mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number of the Project Director
- 2) Change in status of any other pending grant application if the objectives overlap with any part of this submission.

**Only if your
application is
undergoing the
program's peer-
review process**



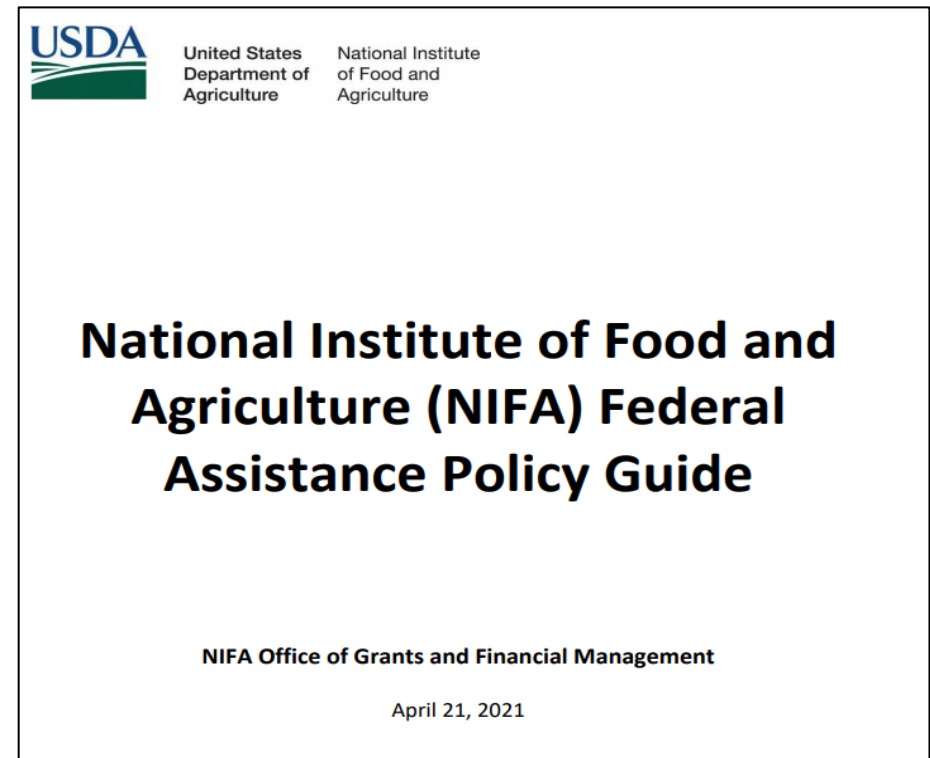
FY 2022 Proposal Submission Status

- The panel review process has concluded
- The funds for FSOP are typically not be available until the full Federal budget has been approved
- To date, USDA is on a continuing resolution.
- As soon as we have the go ahead from leadership, we will move forward notifying applicants of both award recommendations and declines.



NIFA Policy Guide

- NIFA's Policy Guide is a great resource for comprehensive information regarding:
 - Pre-award
 - Post-award
 - Payment
 - Audit requirements
 - Definitions
 - and so forth

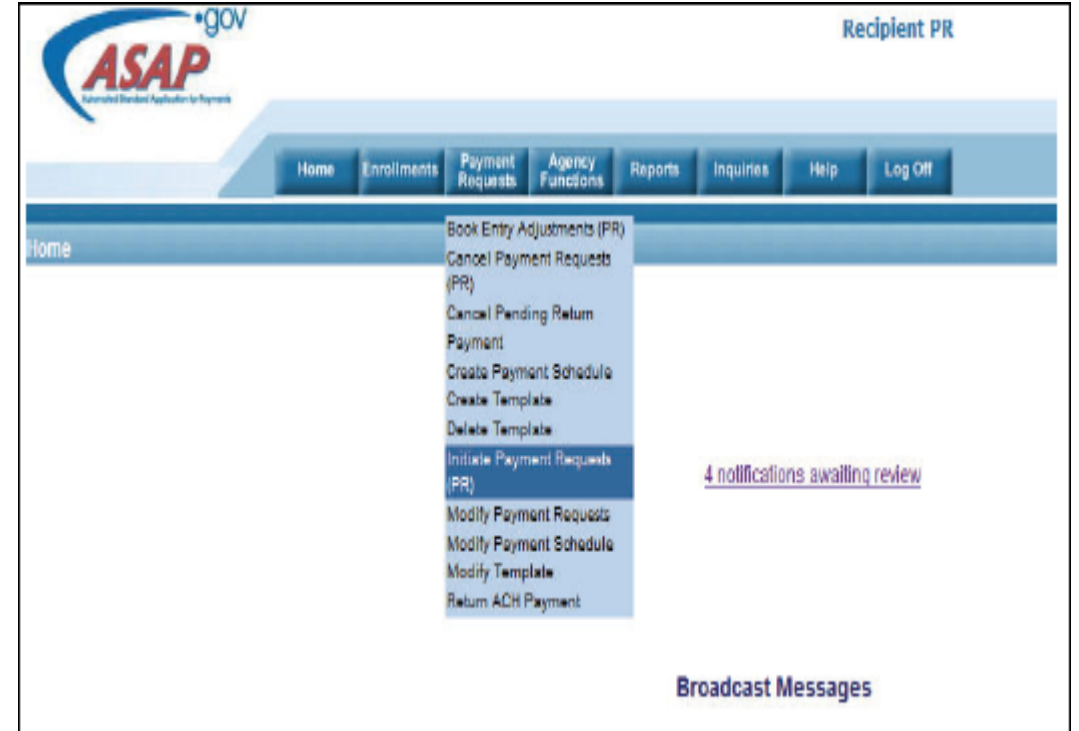




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No seriously, spend down!

- Payment Request
 - Log in to ASAP
 - Hover over Payment Requests and select Initiate Payment Requests from drop down
 - Complete the 4 steps to initiate the request
- Transaction Options
 - Select ACH for next day settlement
 - Select Fedwire for same day settlement





Trouble Accessing ASAP Account?

- Is the ASAP account suspended?
 - ASAP accounts are suspended during the last 4 business days of every month to allow for month-end reconciliations
 - Administrative issues may include not fulfilling all Grantee responsibilities, improper draw downs, and funding issues
 - Performance period expired, contact Awards@usda.gov
- Is the ASAP account closed?
 - Final SF-425 and Grant Report have been submitted and approved
 - Administratively closed due to non-compliance with Terms & Conditions
- ASAP log in issues?
 - To stay active in ASAP log in every 45 days
 - For username and password issues contact ASAPHELPDESK@fiscal.treasury.gov



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