



*Building, Supporting, &
Empowering the
Environmental Public
Health Workforce*

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New Mission Anchored in Past & Future

*To build, sustain and empower
an effective environmental
health workforce.*



New Vision Reflects New Era

*Healthy Environments.
Protected Communities.
Empowered Professionals.*



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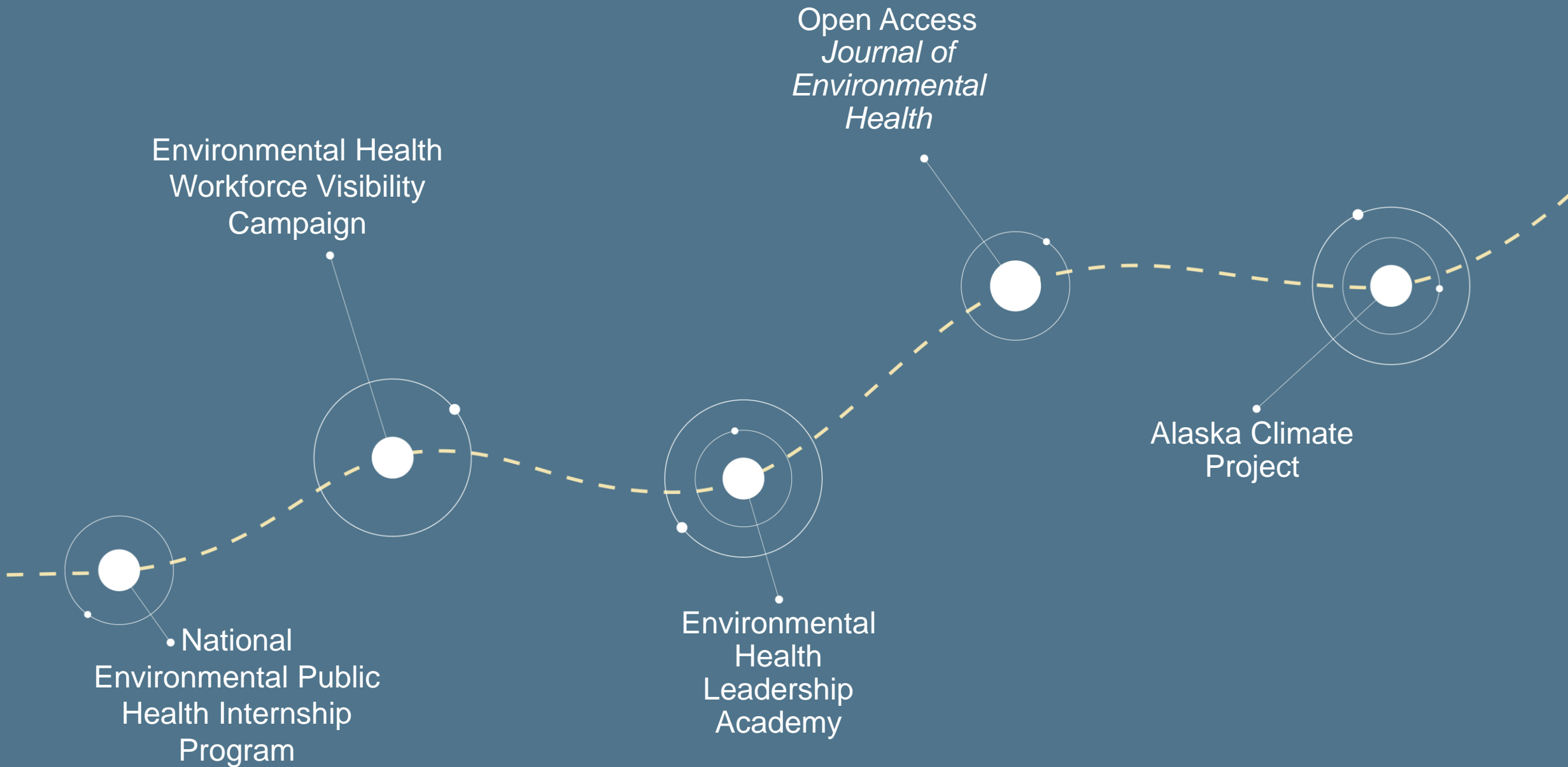
Environmental Health
Workforce Visibility
Campaign

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Environmental
Health*

Alaska Climate
Project

National
Environmental Public
Health Internship
Program

Environmental
Health
Leadership
Academy



We Support Emerging Professionals

- Leadership Program
- Internships
- Scholarships





Training Modules

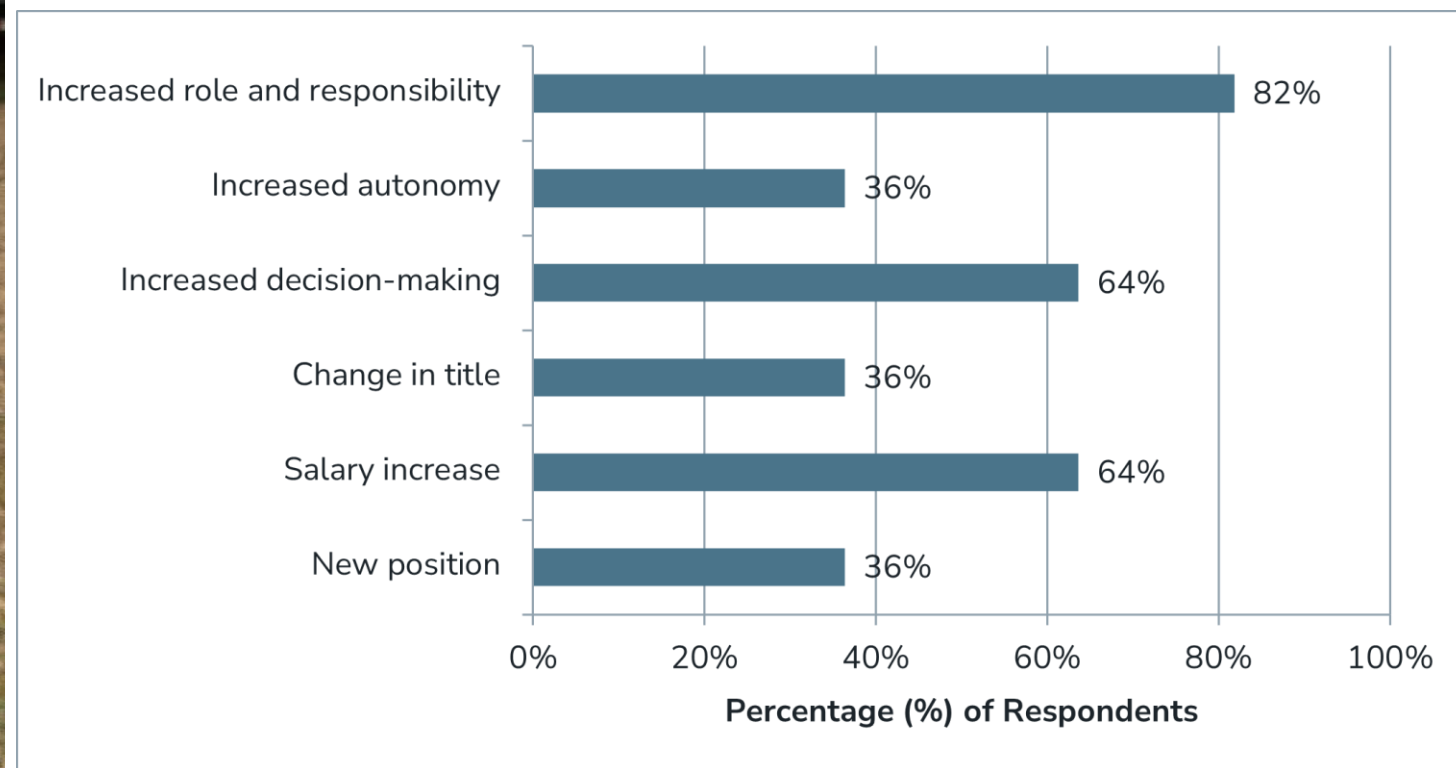
- Managing You
- Assessing Environmental Health Risks
- Communications Skills
- Strengthen, Support, and Mobilize Communities and Partnerships to Ensure Equity
- Environmental Health Interventions
- Emergency Management
- Build and Maintain a Strong Organizational Infrastructure
- Improve and Innovate through Evaluation, Research, and Quality Improvement
- Building a Diverse and Skilled Workforce
- Performance Management



Environmental Health Leadership Academy

“By encouraging me to explore my strengths, weaknesses, values, and personal leadership styles, I've learned to approach challenges with greater self-awareness and adaptability.”

- 2022 EHLA Graduate





“We are there for each other when we need advice or when we have something good to share.”

- 2022 EHLA Graduate



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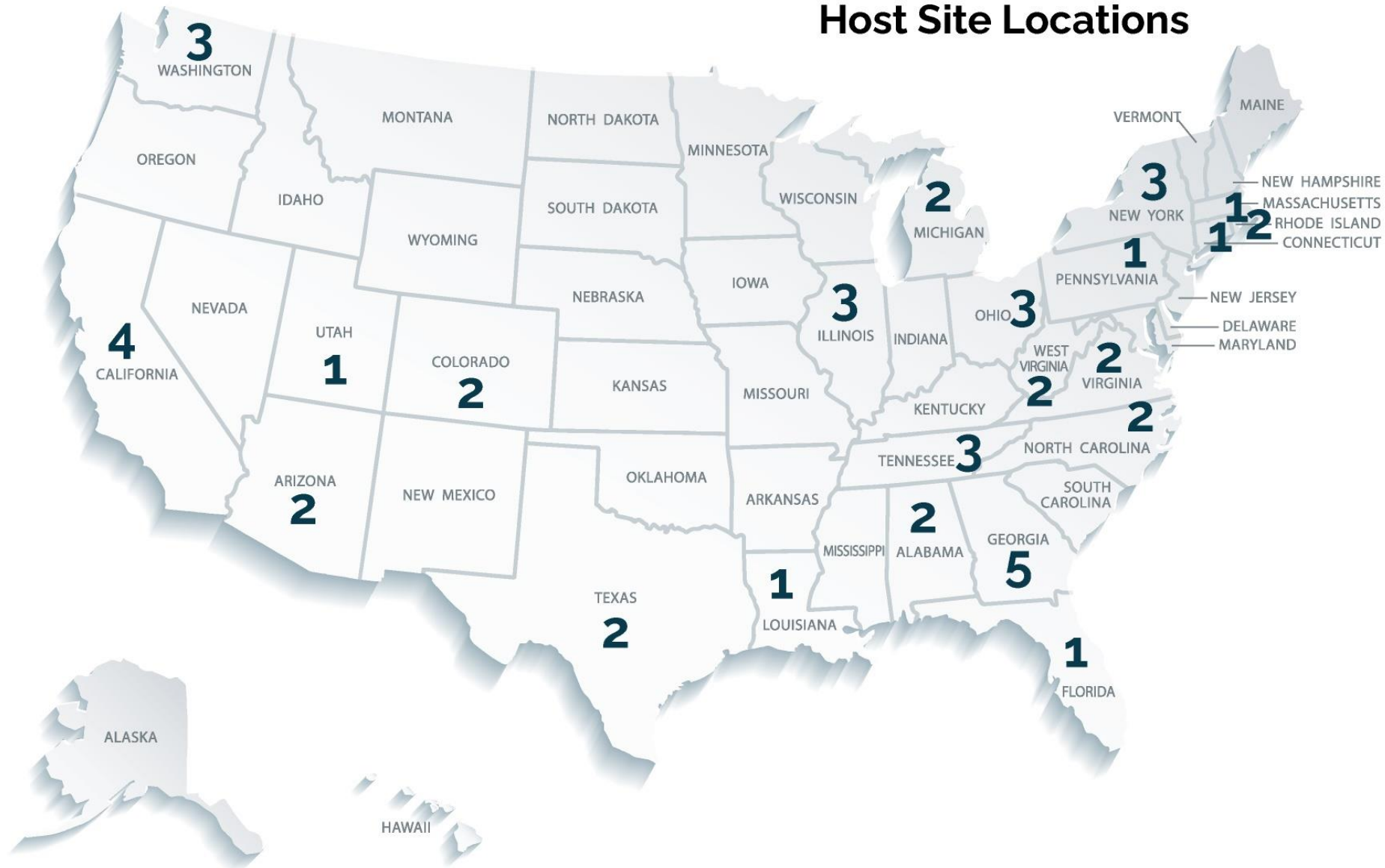
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC
HEALTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

National Environmental Public Health Internship Program

Intern U.S. Home Locations



Host Site Locations



400-hour
Paid
Internship







“This internship gave me some of the experience to work amongst other professionals in the field and be able to thrive.”

- NEPHIP participant

“I gained wonderful experience in a field of in environmental health that I wouldn’t have gotten anywhere else.”

- NEPHIP participant

Projects

Sustainability Action Plan

Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigation Protocol Manual

Story Map – Climate Change

Health Literacy

Self-Assessment of Retail Food Program

Communicable Disease Surveillance and Reporting

Mobile Food Trucks

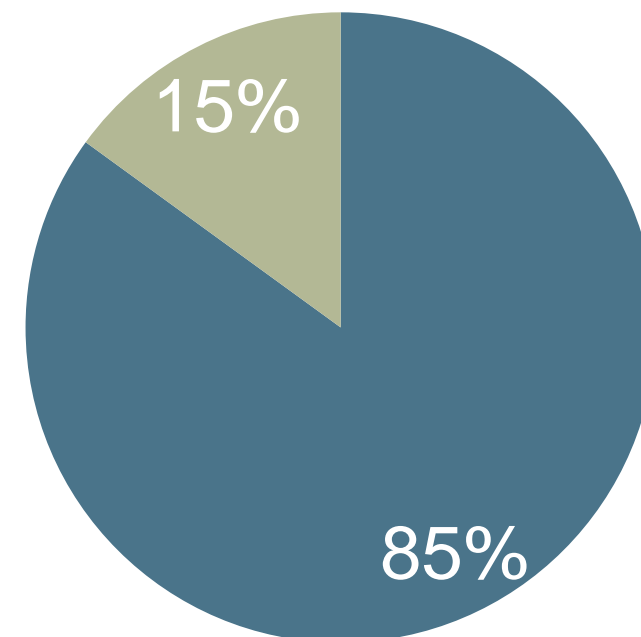
GIS Mapping

Shellfish Bed Sanitation Program





**85% of host sites
consider participants
as viable employee
candidates**





Raising the Visibility of Environmental Public Health



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JENNIFER



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST



Richland Public Health - Ohio



MOLLY



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST



Wyandot County Public Health - Ohio



SCOTT



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR



Licking County Health Department - Ohio

- Better known as “Tattoo Bodyguard”
- Making sure your tattoo is safe one ink bottle at a time
- I am environmental public health

neha.org/swipe-right

- A self-proclaimed “Disease Detective”
- Prevents illnesses on the daily
- I am environmental public health

Nearly 3.5 million
impressions!

- They call me the “H2O Hero”
- You can find me identifying hazards in our local water systems
- I am environmental public health

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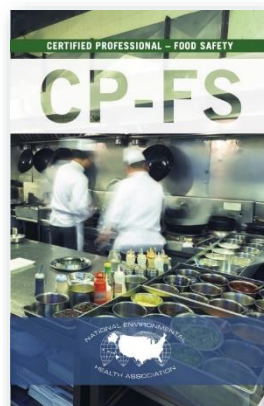
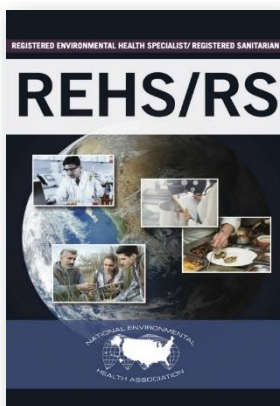
Applying the Model Aquatic Health Code to Grade Swimming Pool Safety

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We Support Professionals & Communities

- Credentialing
- Continuing Education
- State Exams
- Pass-through funding
- Awards



Retail Food Safety Regulatory Association Collaborative (the Collaborative)

- NEHA, AFDO, ASTHO, CFP, NACCHO, CDC, and FDA have worked to create and share tools and resources food safety programs (for regulators and retail food establishments). Our 6 objectives are:
 - Develop a strategy to support national *Food Code* adoption.
 - Increase use of risk-based inspections and intervention strategies.
 - Increase use of FDA's Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.
 - Improve foodborne outbreak investigation methods.
 - Increase the number of restaurants and other retail food establishments with well-developed food safety management systems that use active managerial control.
 - Develop a strategy to enhance communication and better tell our collective story.



Retail Flexible Funding Model Cooperative Agreement



Objective 1: Subawards

- Year 2 Grants have been awarded
- Year 2 Grants run from Jan 1-Dec 31
- 477 total grants were awarded across all grant categories worth approximately \$7.5M
- SLTT Unique Jurisdictions Receiving Funding:
 - 31 State
 - 193 Local
 - 3 Tribal
 - 3 Territorial

Objective 2: Training Needs Assessment

- A training needs survey was developed and issued.
- The survey was open for approximately 6 months and collected a significant amount of data from both individuals and jurisdictions.
- An update was presented at the NEHA AEC in New Orleans.
- A final report will be issued when the analysis is complete.



Year 3

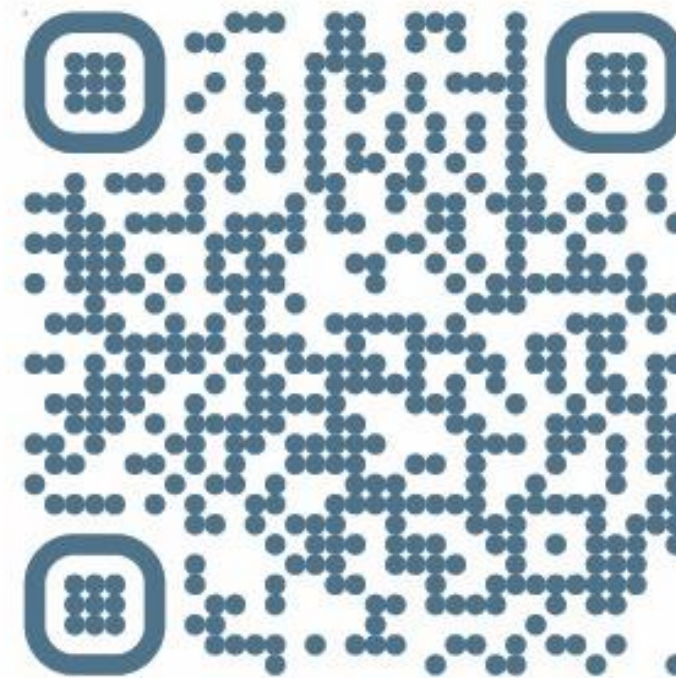
NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program

This annual funding opportunity supports state, local, tribal, and territorial retail food regulatory programs to meet FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Retail Program Standards).

Grant Portal Key Dates

Opens: Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Closes: Wednesday, October 11, 2023



Summary

- The Grant Portal is open to receive applications for CY 2024 awards from August 16 – October 11, 2023
- For more information, please contact the NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program Support Team
 - Email: retailgrants@neha.org
 - Toll-Free: 1-833-575-2404
- The full CY 2024 Grant Guidance has been posted on the NEHA Retail Grants website

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as a **national
member.**

Join today!



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