

## ***Money Available For Local Health From FDA for Food Protection***

The FDA has funding available for health departments who want to enroll and actively participate in the FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

The FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards were developed with input from federal, state and local regulatory officials, industry, trade associations, academia, and consumers to provide a foundation to build a highly effective and responsive retail food regulatory program.

As of January 2010, there were over 350 jurisdictions enrolled in the Program Standards. Of that, 114 jurisdictions have met at least 2 standards. In our efforts to assist state, local and tribal regulatory food programs to enroll and move forward in meeting the standards set forth in the FDA “Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards”, **we will be funding approved jurisdictions up to \$2500.**

The objective of the funds is to encourage state, local and tribal jurisdictions’ active participation in the Retail Food Program Standards. For additional information on the Program Standards, please visit:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/RetailFoodProtection/ProgramStandards/ucm180269.htm>

If interested in applying for funding, please contact Steve Nattrass, FDA Regional Food Specialist, at 860-240-4289 x-18 or [steven.nattrass@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:steven.nattrass@fda.hhs.gov) by March 19, 2010.