

The Retail Flexible Funding Model: A Joint FDA-NEHA Venture

Yankee Conference 2021

Presentation Objectives

- Explain the Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM)
- Provide definitions to terms within the RFFM
- Portal is now live! Closes Nov 15th 8 pm EST

WHY IS THE RFFM IMPORTANT?

- Old direct Coop agreements are gone
- AFDO smaller grants going away
- Need for comprehensive “one stop shop” funding model to move forward with Program Standards
- More money attached to it
- Need to demonstrate ROI
- Enrollees at different stages in PS conformance so need options

Enhancements Made:

- A new level of simplicity, with elements of all three of the past retail funding programs—modest grants, large multiyear awards, and mentorship funding—all administered by NEHA and through one application portal.
- The addition of a NEHA Retail Subject Matter Expert (SME) Team that possesses decades of retail experience at the local, state, and federal levels. The team is ready to advise and assist you as you work to conform to the Retail Program Standards. This support will be available to you through the entire life cycle of the grant process.
- Significantly larger and multiyear funding for jurisdictions with ambitious goals to advance your conformance with the retail program standards.

Source: <https://www.neha.org/retailgrants>

How can you prepare?

- Determine which base box your jurisdiction would like to apply?
- What eligibility requirements are needed for that base box?
- Do you have all the requirements? What do you need to work on to be prepared?
- What optional add on boxes might you like to apply for?
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MOST IMPORTANT
to Prepare Please Visit:

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Retail Flexible Funding Model

Base Funding

Development

Maintenance
and
Advancement

Optional Add-Ons

Mentorship*

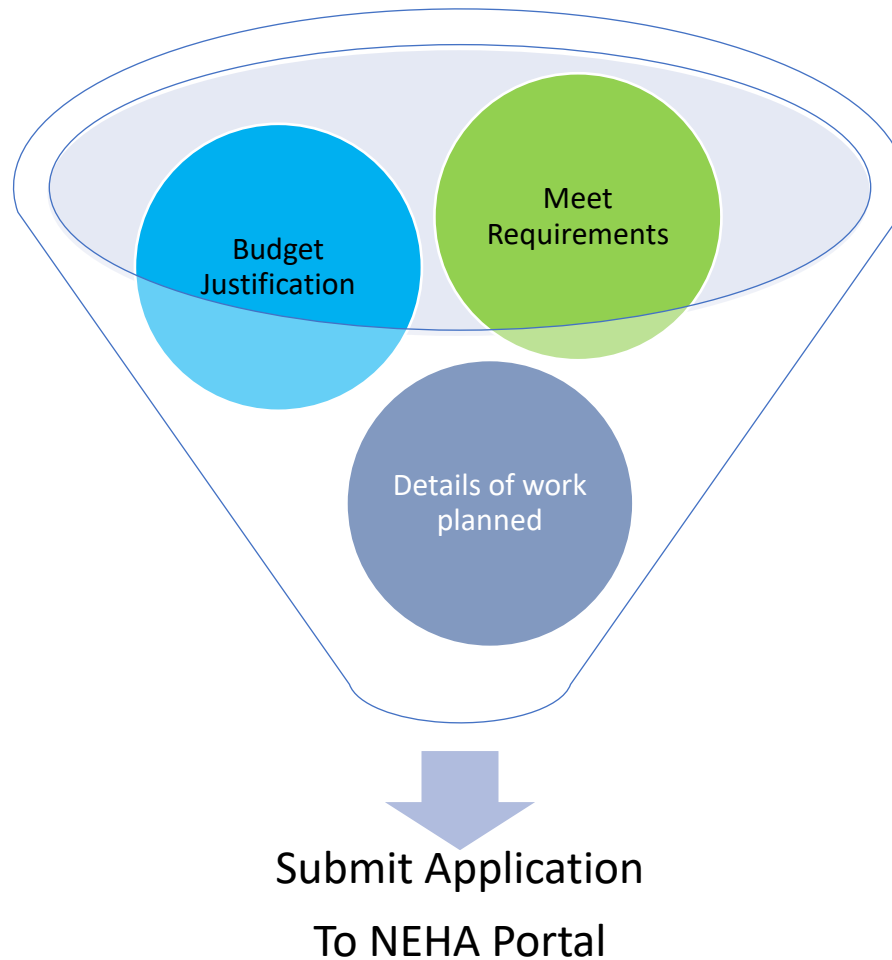
Training/Staff
Development and
Program Standards
Engagement

Capacity Building

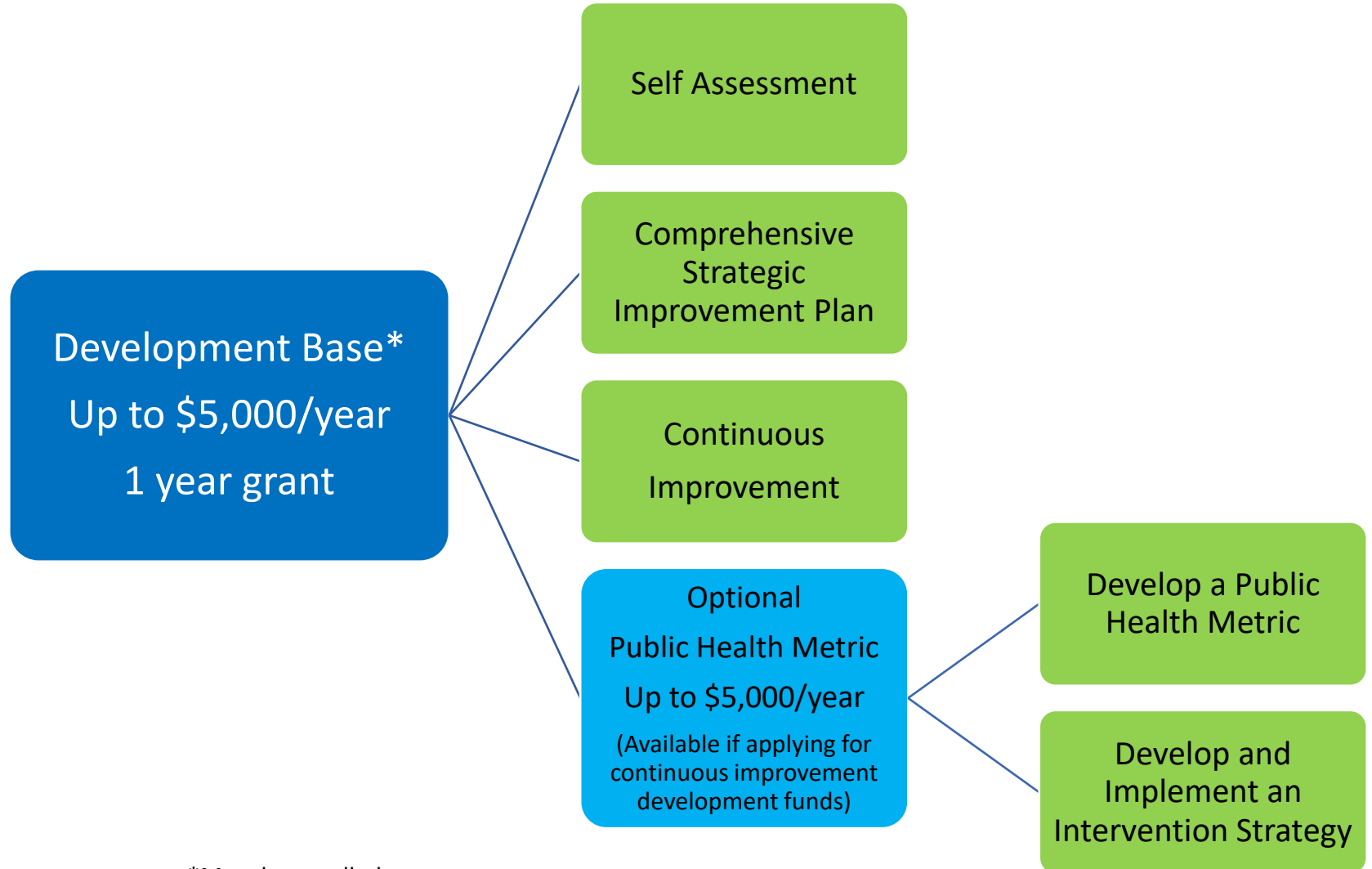
Special Projects

*Applicants may be recommended for initial gateway into the mentorship program based on application review

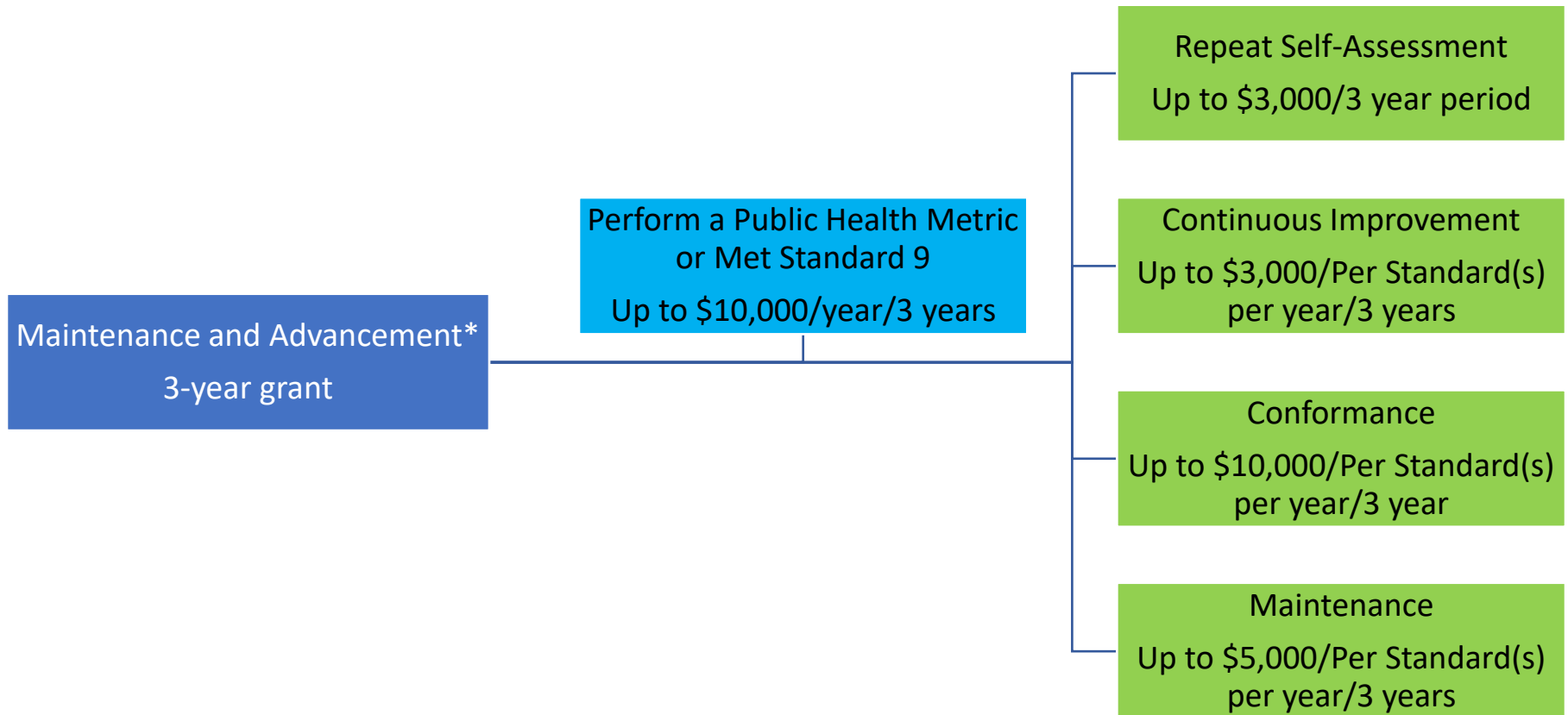
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Development Base Box

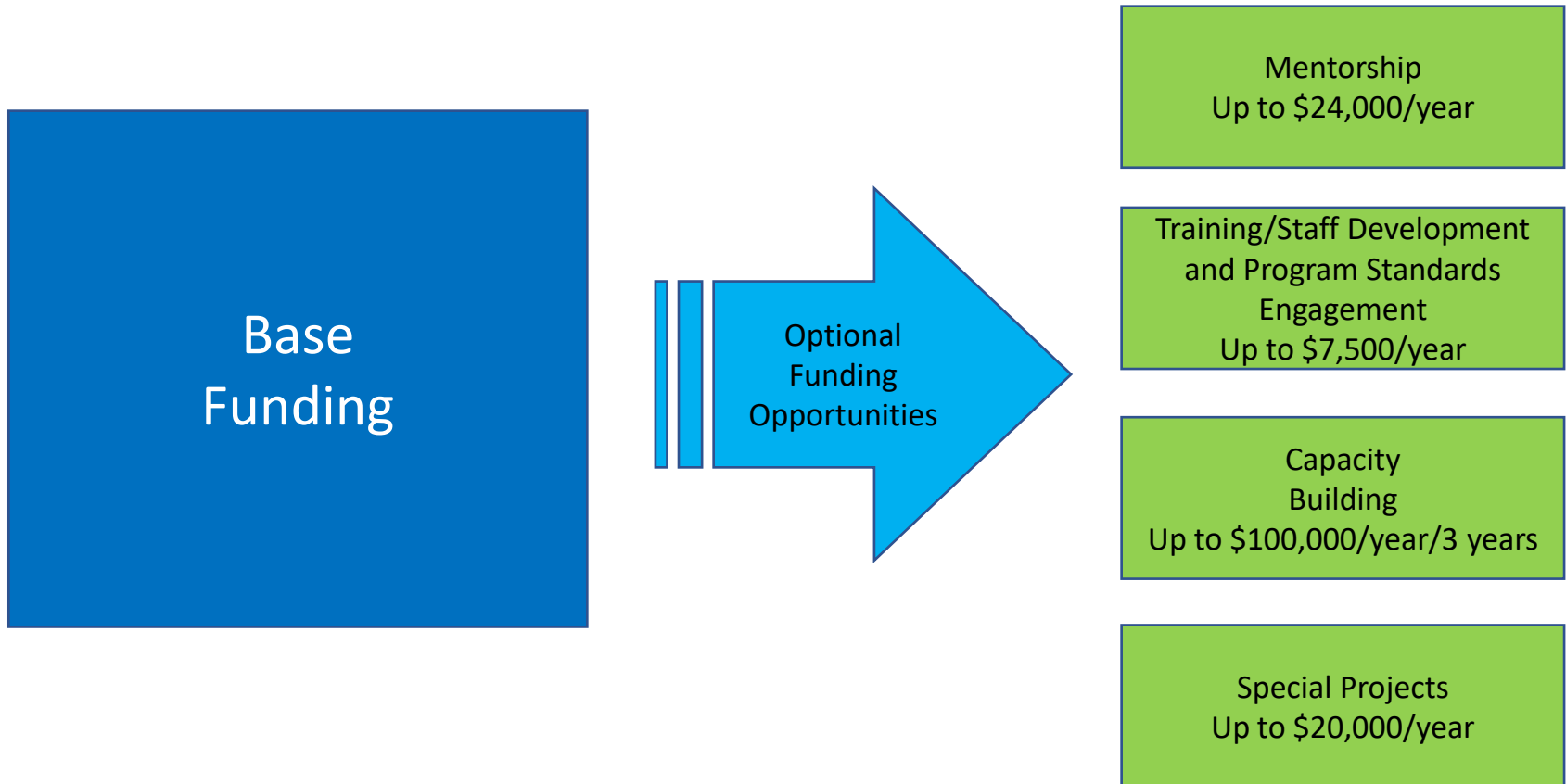


Maintenance and Advancement Base Box



*Must have current self assessment, comprehensive strategic improvement plan and met one standard/verified.

Optional Add On Funding



Optional Add On Mentorship

Mentee

Up to \$14,000
1 year grant

- Have you applied under one of the base boxes? If yes, you may apply for mentorship
- Do you need assistance with part or all of a Retail Standard? If yes, you may apply for mentorship.
- A self assessment and comprehensive strategic improvement plan are not required to apply.

The application must provide a project implementation plan, detailed budget request, and the method for demonstrating measurable improvement

Mentor

Up to \$24,000
1 year grant

- Have you applied under one of the base boxes? If yes, you may apply for mentorship.
- Can you demonstrate proficiency in the Standards you wish to mentor on? If yes, you may apply for mentorship.

The application must identify and demonstrate proficiency in the Standards you can assist another jurisdiction(s).

Optional Add On Training/Staff Development and Program Standards Engagement

Have you applied under one of the base boxes? If yes, you may apply if you meet the following requirement:

- Current Self Assessment
- Comprehensive Strategic Improvement Plan

(exception made for funding request of Self-Assessment/Verification Audit Workshop Only)

Applicants must provide a written project implementation plan and a detailed budget request for up to \$7,500/year in the application.

1 year grant

Examples of Activities Funded

- Self-Assessment/Verification Audit Workshop
- Retail Food Courses
- Retail Food Seminars
- Forums that discuss or deliberate issues directly impacting the Food Code and/or the VNRFRPS elements

Optional Add On Capacity Building

Have you applied under one of the base boxes? If yes, you may apply if you meet the following requirement:

- Current Self Assessment
- Comprehensive Strategic Improvement Plan

At the time of application, applicants must provide a written project implementation plan and a detailed budget request for up to \$100,000 for each of the three years.

3-year grant

Project Collaboration

- Among and between multiple SLTT jurisdictions, and/or
- Between an enrolled jurisdiction(s) and retail food non-governmental partner (e.g., academia, industry, associations)
- Funding can be used to support an FTE

Project Examples May Include

- Development of uniform inspection procedures and protocols
- Conduct verification audits and reviews of conformance with a Standard(s).
- Workgroups, committees or similar advisory boards to discuss and address retail food protection issues
- Cross-training events with multiple jurisdictions to further conformance with the Standards

Optional Add On Special Projects

Have you applied under one of the base boxes? If yes, you may apply if you meet the following requirement:

- Current Self Assessment
- Comprehensive Strategic Improvement Plan

At the time of application, applicants must provide a written project implementation plan and a detailed budget request for up to \$20,000.

1 year grant

Project Element Consideration May Include

- Addresses an Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) issue or problem
- Introduces an innovative approach
- Supports FDA mission and vision for building mutual reliance
- Incorporates current public and environmental health and regulatory science

Project Examples May Include

- Development of new inspection or investigation retail program courses.
- Development of an IT system to collaborate with FDA or other agencies.
- Development of a new electronic risk-based inspection program
- Development and piloting of innovative approaches.

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NEHA site walks you through what “tracks” AKA boxes you are eligible for

Comprehensive Strategic Improvement Plan

National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards Written Comprehensive Strategic Improvement Plan Template

Jurisdiction	
Program Standards Lead	
Program Standards Support Team	
Last Revised	

Standard 1 – Regulatory Foundation							
Standard Criteria	Deliverable	Action Steps/Tasks	Individual Lead	Target Completion Date	Start Date	Completion Date	Comments

* Additional Rows and Sheets can be added as needed

Key
Completed
In Progress
Not Started
Needs Attention

Project Implementation Plan

National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards Written Project Implementation Plan Template

Option B

Jurisdiction		
Project Lead:		
Project Support Team		
Project Description		
Project Period		
Current Project Status		Last Revised:

Action Steps/Tasks	Individual Lead	Resources	Target Completion Date	Start Date	Completion Date	Comments

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Option A

Jurisdiction		
Project Lead:		
Project Support Team		
Project Description		
Project Period		
Current Project Status		Last Revised:

Action Steps/Tasks	Individual Lead	Resources	Target Completion Date	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Comments
				Quarter				Quarter				Quarter				
				1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	

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Estimated Timeline

Portal now live! (closes Nov 15th at 8 pm EST)

Dec 2021/Jan 2022- Awards will be made to enrolled jurisdictions.

Coming Soon!

Self-assessment/verification audit on-line courses

- Roll-out as each “course” is developed
- Expectation is Nov/Dec courses for intro/admin procedures and standard 2 will be live

Questions and Answers

Questions?