Notice of Grant Award

RESEARCH PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Department of Health and Human Services

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Grant Number: 1U01FD007224-01
FAIN: U01FD007224

Principal Investigator:
Leon Luebbering, BS

Project Title: FDA NARMS Cooperative Agreement Program to Strengthen Antibiotic Resistance Surveillance in Retail Food Specimens

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Award e-mailed to: grants@health.mo.gov

Budget Period: 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2021
Project Period: 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2025

Dear Business Official:

The Food and Drug Administration hereby awards a grant in the amount of $171,000 (see “Award Calculation” in Section I and “Terms and Conditions” in Section III) to MISSOURI STATE DEPT/ HEALTH & SENIOR SRV in support of the above referenced project. This award is pursuant to the authority of 42 USC 241 31 USC 6305 42 CFR 52 and is subject to the requirements of this statute and regulation and of other referenced, incorporated or attached terms and conditions.

Acceptance of this award including the “Terms and Conditions” is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn down or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact the Grants Management Specialist and the Project Officer listed in the terms and conditions.

Sincerely yours,

Lisa Ko
Grants Management Officer

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Additional information follows
SECTION I – AWARD DATA – 1U01FD007224-01

Award Calculation (U.S. Dollars)

Other Costs $171,000

Federal Direct Costs $171,000
Approved Budget $171,000
Federal Share $171,000
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AMOUNT OF THIS ACTION (FEDERAL SHARE) $171,000

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FDA Administrative Data:
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SECTION II – PAYMENT/HOTLINE INFORMATION – 1U01FD007224-01

Grant payments will be made available through the DHHS Payment Management System (PMS). Please go to https://pms.psc.gov/ to find more information on user access, payment, reporting and FAQs.

Inquiries should be directed to:

ONE-DHHS—the PMS Help Desk, providing assistance to all system users. Support is available Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET (except Federal Holidays): 1-877-614-5533 or email PMSSupport@psc.gov.

The HHS Inspector General (IG) maintains a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-447-8477, for receiving information concerning fraud, waste, or abuse under grants and cooperative
agreements. Such reports are kept confidential, and callers may decline to give their names if they choose to remain anonymous.

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**SECTION III – TERMS AND CONDITIONS – 1U01FD007224-01**

This award is based on the application submitted to, and as approved by, FDA on the above-title project and is subject to the terms and conditions incorporated either directly or by reference in the following:

a. The grant program legislation and program regulation cited in this Notice of Grant Award.
b. The restrictions on the expenditure of federal funds in appropriations acts to the extent those restrictions are pertinent to the award.
c. 45 CFR Part 75.
d. The HHS Grants Policy Statement, including addenda in effect as of the beginning date of the budget period.
e. Federal Award Performance Goals: As required by the periodic report in the RPPR or in the final progress report when applicable.
f. The Funding Opportunity Announcement in which this award is issued under.
g. This award notice, INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CITED BELOW.

This award has been assigned the Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) U01FD007224. Recipients must document the assigned FAIN on each consortium/subaward issued under this award.

**Expanded Authorities:**

Unless otherwise stated in Section IV – Special Terms and Conditions, this award is not under expanded authorities.

**Reporting Requirements:**

All FDA grants require both Financial and Performance reporting.

**Financial Reporting:**

**A. Cash Transaction Reports**

The Federal Financial Report (FFR) has a dedicated section to report Federal cash receipts and disbursements. For recipients, this information must be submitted quarterly directly to the Payment Management System (PMS) using the web-based tool. Quarterly reports are due 30 days following the end of each calendar quarter. The reporting period for this report continues to be based on the calendar quarter. Questions concerning the requirements for this quarterly financial report should be directed to the PMS.

**B. Financial Expenditure Reports**

A required Federal Financial Report (FFR) must be submitted annually. All annual FFRs must be submitted electronically using the Federal Financial Report (FFR) system located in the eRA Commons. This includes all initial FFRs being prepared for submission and any revised FFRs being submitted or re-submitted to FDA. Paper expenditure/FFR reports will not be accepted.

Annual FFRs must be submitted for each budget period no later than 90 days after the end of the calendar quarter in which the budget period ended. The reporting period for an annual FFR will be that of the budget period for the particular grant; however, the actual submission date is based on the calendar quarter.

**Performance Progress Reporting:**
When multiple years (more than one budget period) are involved, awardees will be required to submit the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) annually as required in the Notice of Award. Annual RPPRs must be submitted using the RPPR module in eRA Commons. The annual RPPR must include a detailed budget. Annual RPPRs are due no later than 60 days prior to the start of the next budget period.

**Failure to submit timely reports may affect future funding. Additional Financial and Performance Progress reports may be required for this award. Any additional reporting requirements will be listed under Section IV – Special Terms and Condition of the Notice of Award.**

**Salary Caps:**
None of the funds in this award shall be used to pay the salary of an individual at a rate in excess of the current Executive Level II of the Federal Executive Pay Scale.

**Certificates of Confidentiality – 42 U.S.C. 241(d)**
Awardees are responsible for complying with all requirements to protect the confidentiality of identifiable, sensitive information that is collected or used in biomedical, behavioral, clinical, or other research (including research on mental health and research on the use and effect of alcohol and other psychoactive drugs) funded wholly or in part by the Federal Government. See 42 U.S.C. 241(d). All research funded by FDA, in whole or in part, that is within the scope of these requirements is deemed to be issued a “Certificate of Confidentiality” through these Terms and Conditions. Certificates issued in this manner will not be issued as a separate document.

Awardees are expected to ensure that any investigator or institution not funded by FDA who receives a copy of identifiable, sensitive information protected by these requirements, understand they are also subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 241(d). Awardees are also responsible for ensuring that any subrecipient that receives funds to carry out part of the FDA award involving a copy of identifiable, sensitive information protected by these requirements understand they are also subject to subsection 42 U.S.C. 241(d).

**Acknowledgment of Federal Support:**
When issuing statements, press releases, publications, requests for proposal, bid solicitations and other documents --such as tool-kits, resource guides, websites, and presentations (hereafter “statements”)--describing the projects or programs funded in whole or in part with FDA federal funds, the recipient must clearly state:

1. the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the program or project funded with federal money; and,
2. the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program funded by non-governmental sources.

When issuing statements resulting from activities supported by FDA financial assistance, the recipient entity must include an acknowledgement of federal assistance using one of the following statements.

If the FDA Grant or Cooperative Agreement is **NOT** funded with other non-governmental sources:

This [project/publication/program/website, etc.] [is/was] supported by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award [FAIN] totaling $XX with 100 percent funded by FDA/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by FDA/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

If the FDA Grant or Cooperative Agreement is **PARTIALLY** funded with other nongovernmental sources:

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The federal award total must reflect total costs (direct and indirect) for all authorized funds (including supplements and carryover) for the total competitive segment up to the time of the public statement. Any amendments by the recipient to the acknowledgement statement must be coordinated with FDA. If the recipient plans to issue a press release concerning the outcome of activities supported by FDA financial assistance, it should notify FDA in advance to allow for coordination.

Additional prior approval requirements pertaining to Acknowledgement of Federal Support, publications, press statements, etc. may be required, and if applicable, will be listed under Section IV – Special Terms and Condition of the Notice of Award.

Prior Approval:
All prior approval requests must be submitted using the Prior Approval module in eRA Commons. Any requests involving budgetary issues must include a new proposed budget and a narrative justification of the requested changes. If there are any questions regarding the need or requirement for prior approval for any activity or cost, the grantee is to contact the assigned Grants Management Specialist prior to expenditure of funds. The following activities require prior approval from FDA:

1. Carryover of Unobligated Balances
2. No Cost Extensions
3. Change in Grantee Organization
4. Significant Rebudgeting
5. Change in Scope or Objectives
6. Deviation from Terms and Conditions of Award
7. Change in Key Personnel which includes replacement of the PD/PI or other key personnel as specified on the NoA.
8. Disengagement from the project for more than three months, or a 25 percent reduction in time devoted to the project, by the approved PD/PI. No individual may be committed to more than 100% professional time and effort. In the event that an individual's commitment exceeds 100%, the grantee must make adjustments to reduce effort. For FDA-sponsored projects, significant reductions in effort (i.e., in excess of 25% of the originally proposed level of effort) for the PD/PI and key personnel named on named on this Notice of Award must receive written prior approval from FDA.

Additional prior approval requirements may be required for this award, and if applicable, will be listed under Section IV – Special Terms and Condition of the Notice of Award.

Audits and Monitoring:

Audit Requirements:

1. Recipients of Federal funds are subject to annual audit requirements as specified in 45 CFR 75.501 (https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=1&SID=8040c4036b962cc9d75c3638dedce240&ty=HTML&h=L&r=PART&t=pt45.1.75#se45.1.75_1501). Grantees should refer to this regulation for the current annual Federal fund expenditure threshold level which requires audit.
2. Foreign recipients are subject to the same audit requirements as for-profit organizations (specified in 45 CFR 75.501(h) through 75.501(k)).
3. For-profit and foreign entities can email their audit reports to AuditResolution@hhs.gov or mail them to the following address:
Monitoring:

Recipients are responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of grant-supported activities using their established controls and policies, as long as they are consistent with Federal, DHHS and FDA requirements. However, to fulfill their role in regard to the stewardship of Federal funds, FDA monitors our grants to identify potential problems and areas where technical assistance might be necessary. This active monitoring is accomplished through review of reports and correspondence from the recipient, audit reports, site visits, and other information available to FDA.

1. **Desk review:** FDA grants monitoring specialists will periodically reach out to recipients to request information for the completion of desk reviews. Requested information may include:
   - Policies and procedures
   - List of grant expenditures
   - Accounting records
   - Supporting documents (e.g., invoices, receipts, paystubs, timesheets, contracts, etc.)
   - Financial statements
   - Audit reports
   - Other related documentation

2. **Site visits:** FDA will conduct site visits when necessary and will notify the recipient with reasonable advance notice of any such visit(s).

3. **Foreign entities:** All Foreign entities are subject to the same monitoring requirements as domestic entities. Foreign entities covered under immunity Executive Orders will provide supporting documents for monitoring requirements unless such an action is a violation of the Executive Orders. Recipients may discuss with the FDA to come up with an alternate approach to satisfy the award monitoring requirements.

All recipients will make reasonable efforts to resolve issues found, including audit findings. Successful resolutions to issues are important as they are part of the grant performance review. All recipients are responsible for submitting all requested information in an expeditious manner. **Failure to submit timely reports and/or respond to inquiries from FDA may affect future funding or enforcement actions, including withholding, or conversion to a reimbursement payment method.**

Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI):
This award is subject to the Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) regulation at 42 CFR Part 50 Subpart F.

Closeout Requirements (when applicable):
A Final Research Performance Progress Report (FRPPR), Final Federal Financial Report SF-425, Final Invention Statement HHS-568 (if applicable), Tangible Personal Property Report SF-428 (if applicable), and Statement of Disposition of Equipment (if applicable) must be submitted within 90 days after the expiration date of the project period. All closeout documents must be submitted electronically in eRA Commons.

The Final FFR must indicate the exact balance of unobligated funds and may not reflect unliquidated obligations. There must be no discrepancies between the Final FFR expenditure data and FFR cash transaction data in the Payment Management System (PMS). It is the recipient's responsibility to reconcile reports submitted to PMS and to the FDA.

Program Income:
The grantee is required to report any Program Income generated during the Project Period of this grant. Except for royalty income generated from patents and inventions, the amount and disposition of Program Income must be identified on lines 10 (l), (m), (n), and (o) of the grantee’s Federal Financial Report (FFR) SF-425.

Examples of Program Income include (but are not limited to): fees for services performed during the grant or sub-grant period, proceeds from sale of tangible personal or real property, usage or rental fees, patent or copyright royalties, and proceeds from the sale of products and technology developed under the grant.

Any Program Income generated during the Project Period of this grant by the grantee or sub-grantee will be treated as identified below.

**Treatment of Program Income:**
Additional Costs

**Other:**
This award is subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 25 for institutions to maintain an active registration in the System of Award Management (SAM). Should a consortium/subaward be issued under this award, a requirement for active registration in SAM must be included.

In accordance with the regulatory requirements provided at 45 CFR 75.113 and Appendix XII to 45 CFR Part 75, recipients that have currently active Federal grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts with cumulative total value greater than $10,000,000 must report and maintain information in the System for Award Management (SAM) about civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings in connection with the award or performance of a Federal award that reached final disposition within the most recent five-year period. The recipient must also make semiannual disclosures regarding such proceedings. Proceedings information will be made publicly available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)). Full reporting requirements and procedures are found in Appendix XII to 45 CFR Part 75.

**SECTION IV – FD Special Terms and Condition – 1U01FD007224-01**

**08/17/2020:** Grantee must submit a revised budget to reflect $171,000 in total costs within 30 days of award.

This award is subject to the Special Requirements of the PAR-20-124, entitled, NARMS Cooperative Agreement Program to Strengthen Antibiotic Resistance Surveillance in Retail Food Specimens (U01) is hereby incorporated by reference as special terms and conditions of this award. Copies of this announcement may be obtained from the Grants Management Contact referenced in the award.

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The following conditions of the award will apply to all funded applicants and must be maintained throughout the cooperative agreement; these conditions include, but are not limited, to those listed below:

1. Actively participate in NARMS conference calls and working groups.
2. Implement NARMS sampling and laboratory protocols to ensure standardized methodologies.
3. Implement standardized data collection and isolate transmission protocols.
4. Provide FDA with a list of sampling areas that meet the NARMS sampling requirements.
5. Fresh retail meat should be collected on a minimum of 7 non-consecutive days per month from pre-selected retail locations.
6. Perform whole genome sequencing on an agreed-upon number and type of isolate recovered from retail meat samples.
7. Participate in NARMS pilot studies to examine novel sample types or to assess resistance in other organisms as specified in ad hoc pilot studies.
8. Provide serotype and/or species identifications for isolates when available.
9. Send isolates to the FDA on a monthly basis for antimicrobial susceptibility testing and other analyses.

**Specific activities that are NOT supported by this cooperative agreement include but are not limited to those listed below:**

1. Collection and testing of food products or other samples types not specified in the assignment.
2. Isolation and characterization of organisms other than those agreed upon or specified in the cooperative agreement.

**FDA staff is substantially involved in the NARMS retail food surveillance program activities beyond routine grant monitoring which include but are not limited to the activities listed below:**

1. Provide general coordination for all NARMS retail food surveillance sites and the overall NARMS network.
2. Develop, facilitate, and participate in collaborative multi-site relationships as needed to support the successful completion of the program activities.
3. Provide scientific consultation and technical assistance as necessary in the operation of the NARMS retail food surveillance program.
4. Facilitate the development of protocols, procedure manuals, and training of applicants.
5. Perform confirmatory bacterial identifications and antimicrobial susceptibility testing.
6. Perform whole genome sequencing and other molecular characterization on select NARMS isolates.
7. Analyze, interpret, and disseminate surveillance results.
8. Any presentation of the results of testing must be shared with the FDA Office of Research for review. This process can take 30-90 days.
9. Coordinating and facilitating communications among NARMS retail food surveillance sites.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE STATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS COULD RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

Direct inquiries regarding scientific, technical and programmatic issues to the program official listed below.

Direct inquiries regarding fiscal, grants policy, procedures and/or administrative matters to the grants management specialist listed below.

All formal correspondence/reports regarding the grant should be signed by an authorized institutional official and the Principal Investigator and should be sent to the attention of the grants management specialist, unless otherwise explicitly directed.

**STAFF CONTACTS**

**Grants Management Specialist:** Rene Vasquez  
**Email:** rene.vasquez@fda.hhs.gov

**Program Official:** Claudine Kabera  
**Email:** Claudine.Kabera@fda.hhs.gov

**SPREADSHEET SUMMARY**

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**INSTITUTION:** MISSOURI STATE DEPT/ HEALTH & SENIOR SRV

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