

## PROTECTING, MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF ALL MINNESOTANS

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Dear Food Safety Outreach Grant Review Team:

The Minnesota Department of Health's Food, Pools, and Lodging Services Section (FPLS) commits to providing in-kind support for the Food Safety Outreach Competitive Grants Program, "Joint Food Safety Education and Food Enterprise Innovation Forums in Eight Regions of Minnesota."

FPLS will work with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, University of Minnesota Extension, and Renewing the Countryside to implement this project. Staff time and FPLS section resources will be used to assist with the following:

- Provide staff with subject-matter expertise to attend regional meetings
- Provide facilities for meetings at eight regional locations throughout the state and promote participation through the Food Safety Partnership of Minnesota (FSP)
- Allocate appropriate state-level staff time to review fact sheets and other documents developed by MISA
- Assist with determining ways to disseminate information and fact sheets associated with this grant to reach the intended audiences
- Include knowledge gained in the regional meetings in future trainings of MDH inspectors

FPLS also commits to attending meetings, helping to coordinate work and to contribute technical expertise as necessary to ensure the success of the project and to achieve its goals.

Sincerely.

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