

MEMORANDUM

TO: BSSC Board Members

FROM: Sarah C. Butler, Director

DATE: May 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Exception Request to BSSC Guidelines 2020-2021

Governor Beshear declared a state of emergency via Executive Order 2020-15 regarding COVID-19 on March 6, 2020. Qualified approved companies affected by training delays due to COVID-19 will be given an opportunity to submit up to two applications for the GIA program during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Grant-In-Aid (GIA) approved companies with a training period ending between March 6, 2020 and June 30, 2020, may reapply for the amount of the GIA recapture funds forfeited from those training periods. The amount of funds recaptured from the GIA agreement may be eligible for BSSC Board consideration during the 2020-2021 fiscal year; however, the competitive scoring process will not apply to the Recapture Application and the \$6,000 minimum incentive request will be waived. The approved company shall complete all programs of skills upgrade training or occupational upgrade training within one (1) year from the date of approval by the BSSC and shall certify the completion of these programs to the corporation.

The Recapture Applications will be a separate application and must be submitted beginning July 1, 2020 through October 15, 2020 for consideration by the BSSC Board. An additional competitive GIA application may be submitted at any time during the 2020-2021 fiscal year for a distinctly separate training plan other than the Recapture Application. All other fiscal year 2020-2021 BSSC guideline terms and conditions shall apply.

During the fiscal year 2020-2021, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training, subject to verification, shall not be considered as safety training for approved companies.

Staff recommends the exceptions outlined above to the approved 2020-2021 BSSC Guidelines.