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2020 SAFETY FIRST GRANT PROGRAM BULLETIN

IMPORTANT PROGRAM UPDATE – April 9, 2020

Thank you to those that have submitted a 2020 SAFETY FIRST Grant Program Application. Your dedication to enhancing premises safety is commendable.

Unfortunately, due to the many challenges brought about by the COVID-19 crisis, it is necessary to place a hold on the program, effective immediately. Application approval and matching grant funds are unable to be guaranteed at this time. The decision to hold the program was not an easy one, however practical circumstances and good stewardship of financial resources warrant this hold.

Our decision to place the program on hold does not preclude a location from moving forward with its proposed project if it is able to be fully self funded. We encourage reevaluation of projects, with consideration of necessity, scope, available financial resources and unplanned financial burdens your location may be experiencing.

The importance of projects completed under the SAFETY FIRST program is undisputable and we are hopeful the hold will be temporary. The status of the program will be reassessed after July 1 at which time another update regarding the status of the program will be released.

Your understanding during these difficult days is greatly appreciated.

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