

154.12-207 Grant in aid -- Skills training investment credit -- Application -- Approval -- Maximum amount -- Training.

- (1) The corporation may, subject to appropriation from the General Assembly or from funds made available to the corporation from any other public or private source, provide grants-in-aid to educational institutions, and qualified companies, not in excess of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per grant-in-aid. Such grants-in-aid shall be used exclusively for programs which are consistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) The corporation may, in accordance with KRS 154.12-204 to 154.12-208, award a skills training investment credit to an approved company. The amount of the skills training investment credit awarded by the corporation shall be an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the amount of approved costs incurred by the approved company in connection with its program of occupational upgrade training or skills upgrade training, the credit amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per employee and, in the aggregate, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each approved company per biennium. The corporation shall only approve one (1) application per biennium for each approved company.
- (3)
 - (a) To apply for a grant-in-aid or a skills training investment credit, a qualified company shall submit an application to the Bluegrass State Skills Corporation before commencing its program of skills upgrade or occupational upgrade training. Each application shall contain information the corporation requires, including but not limited to:
 1. A proposal for a program of skills upgrade training, occupational upgrade training, and education;
 2. A description of each component of the proposed training program and the number of employee training hours requested;
 3. A statement of the total anticipated costs and expenses of the program, including a breakdown of the costs associated with equipment, personnel, facilities, and materials; and
 4. With respect to educational institutions only, a statement of the technical assistance and financial support for the program received or pledged from a qualified company.
 - (b) To qualify for a grant-in-aid or a skills training investment credit in which an educational institution will provide training, an educational institution and a qualified company shall submit a joint application to the corporation. To qualify for a grant-in-aid or a skills training investment credit in which a provider other than an educational institution will provide training, the qualified company may independently submit a proposal to the corporation containing the same information as set forth in this subsection.
- (4) Approval of the grant-in-aid and skills training investment credit application by the board shall be based upon the following criteria:
 - (a) The program must be within the scope of KRS 154.12-204 to 154.12-208;
 - (b) Participants in the program must qualify as an employee as defined by KRS

154.12-204;

- (c) The program must involve an area of skills upgrade training, occupational upgrade training, and education which is needed by a qualified company and for which a shortage of qualified individuals exists within the Commonwealth;
 - (d) The grant-in-aid and skills training investment credit must be essential to the success of the program as the resources of the educational institution are inadequate to attract the technical assistance and financial support necessary from a qualified company;
 - (e) The educational institution must have obtained a firm commitment from a qualified company for the information, technical assistance, and financial support which, together with the grant-in-aid or skills investment credit, the resources of the applicant, and support from any other source, is sufficient to ensure the success of the program. In addition, the commitment of financial support from an approved company shall be equal to or greater than the amount of the requested grant-in-aid or skills training investment credit; and
 - (f) The educational institution must have established adequate auditing procedures and reporting methods for the submission of information and data as required by the corporation.
- (5) After a review of applications for grant-in-aid and skills training investment credits, the corporation may designate the qualified company as an approved company and approve the maximum amount of grants and skills training investment credits the approved company is eligible to receive. The maximum amount of skills training investment credits approved for all qualified companies by the corporation for fiscal year 1998-1999 and fiscal year 1999-2000 shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for each fiscal year thereafter. Skills training investment credits that remain unallocated by the corporation at the end of its fiscal year shall lapse and shall not be carried forward to a new fiscal year.
- (6) 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 corporation and shall certify the completion of these programs to the corporation. Once they are completed and certified and all required documentation is provided and received by the corporation, the corporation shall disburse the grant funds or notify the approved company of the final authorized skills training investment credit.

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