

EXHIBIT A

Certification - Small Business Rapid Deployment Fund

I, _____, am the _____ of _____ (the “**Recipient**”), and I certify that:

1. I have the authority to submit this Certification on behalf of Recipient.
2. I understand that the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership (the “**Partnership**”) will rely on this Certification as a material representation in making payments to Recipient from the Small Business Rapid Deployment Fund (the “**Fund**”).
3. Recipient is a business in good standing and located in St. Louis County.
4. Recipient has been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and is in need of financial assistance as a result of the public health emergency.
5. Recipient is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from, or ineligible for participation in, federal, state, or St. Louis County assistance, funding, programs or activities. Recipient has no outstanding real or personal property tax due to St. Louis County.
6. The costs Recipient submitted for reimbursement under the Fund are necessary and unreimbursed business costs that Recipient incurred as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency between April 1, 2020 and December 16, 2020, including costs of business interruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
7. The costs Recipient submitted for reimbursement under the Fund have not been, and will not be, reimbursed by insurance or by any other federal, state, or County program, including but not limited to the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan, or the St. Louis County CARES Small Business Relief Program.
8. The costs Recipient submitted for reimbursement under the Fund do not include any of the following: damages covered by insurance; reimbursement to donors for donated items or services; workforce bonuses (other than hazard pay or overtime); severance pay; and legal settlements.
9. Neither the Recipient nor any director, officer, employee, agent, or sub-contractor of the business, shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. This business shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during their employment without regard to race, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but

not be limited to, the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship.

10. Recipient complied with the St. Louis County Stay at Home Orders and did not retaliate against any person who reported violations of those Orders to St. Louis County.

11. All information provided in the Application for the Award is true and accurate.

I certify that I have read the above Certification and my statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____