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We received the following question:

Q. We operate an occupational lung diseases and black lung program. Our program provides healthcare to retired and working miners. We would operate temporary sites to provide healthcare as a major component. We also coach and explain to miners their health care regimens necessary for them to live and work in a healthy environment. Can we apply?

A. Brookwood-Sago grants do not serve retired miners. Brookwood-Sago grantees are authorized to provide education and training programs or develop training materials for employers and miners about safety and health topics in mines. MSHA identifies these priorities in the Funding Opportunity Announcement.

For the Fiscal Year 2024 Brookwood-Sago Grants, MSHA's topics are: occupational hazards caused by exposures to respirable dust and crystalline silica, powered haulage and mobile equipment safety, mine emergency preparedness, mine rescue, electrical safety, contract and customer truck drivers, lack of training for new and inexperienced miners (including managers and supervisors performing mining tasks), pillar safety for underground mines, lack of personal protective equipment (including falls from heights), and other programs to ensure the safety and health of miners. MSHA is interested in supporting programs emphasizing training on miners' statutory rights, including the right to be provided a safe and healthy working environment (including Part 90 miners), to refuse an unsafe task, and to have a voice in the safety and health conditions at the mine.

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