

Federal Government COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Programs

There are currently three programs developed to help you during this unprecedented time of economic hardship. This handout contains the most current information available.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program:

- To visit the website directly click <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>
- Your business may be eligible for a loan “to small businesses or private, non-profit organizations that suffer substantial economic injury as a result of the declared disaster, regardless of whether the applicant sustained physical damage.”
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- EIDL loans do not replace lost sales or revenue.
- There is an eligibility requirement. Please have documentation ready to upload.
- If you are deemed eligible for a loan then you receive a link to be able to check the status of your loan.
- The best time to apply for an EIDL loan right now is between 12AM-2AM
- If you are not sure if your application went through effectively you should email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov
- Daily SBA webinars are available and can be found at this website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/richmond-district-office-9832468840>
- A tutorial video showing steps on how to apply can be found at <https://youtu.be/WUdjukly91I> (link is also on our website)
- For Spanish speaking clients please click www.gobierno.usa.gov/coronavirus (en Español).

Economic Injury Disaster Advance Loan

- In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, small business owners in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories are eligible to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan advance of up to \$10,000.
- This advance is directed toward businesses with less than 500 employees.
- This advance will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue.
- Funds will be made available within three days of a successful application.
- This loan advance will not have to be repaid.
- To apply click: <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>

SBA Paycheck Protection Program:

- Small businesses with no more than 500 employees, including nonprofits, veterans organizations, tribal concerns, self-employed individuals, sole proprietorships, and independent contractors—are eligible.
- Businesses with more than 500 employees are eligible in certain industries.
- Starting April 3, 2020, small businesses and sole proprietorships can apply.
- Starting April 10, 2020, independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply.

- Provides small businesses with funds to pay up to 8 weeks of payroll costs including benefits, and interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities.
- Fully Forgiven Funds are provided in the form of loans that will be fully forgiven when used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities (due to likely high subscription, at least 75% of the forgiven amount must have been used for payroll).
- Loan payments will also be deferred for six months.
- No collateral or personal guarantees are required.
- Neither the government nor lenders will charge small businesses any fees.
- Must Keep Employees on the Payroll—or Rehire Quickly
- Forgiveness is based on the employer maintaining or quickly rehiring employees and maintaining salary levels. Forgiveness will be reduced if full-time headcount declines, or if salaries and wages decrease.
- You can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating. Other regulated lenders will be available to make these loans once they are approved and enrolled in the program.
- You should consult with your local lender as to whether it is participating.
- All loans will have the same terms regardless of lender or borrower.
- A list of participating lenders as well as additional information and full terms can be found at www.sba.gov
- For an application click <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Paycheck-Protection-Program-Application-3-30-2020-v3.pdf>
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