

SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATION TIPS FOR COVID-19 FEDERAL RELIEF PROGRAMS

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THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT

The CARES Act was enacted on March 27th, to provide immediate emergency relief to small businesses that are facing economic disruptions due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Act created a forgivable loan program and an emergency grant program for small businesses and eligible nonprofits. To help navigate these new federal programs and access accurate information, please find below a compilation of resources.

Click [here](#) to access the Small Business Guide to the Coronavirus, which provides detailed information about each CARES program.

COUNSELING AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE

The CARES Act provided \$275 million for SBA's Resource Partners to provide vital guidance and expertise to small business owners and entrepreneurs impacted by COVID-19. [Small Business Development Centers](#), [Women's Business Centers](#), and [SCORE](#) counselors are available to help guide small businesses with their specific questions about their eligibility and the application process. To connect a small business with a local resource partner for COVID-19 advice please click [here](#).

SBA COVID-19 PROGRAMS

Click [here](#) to learn more about SBA's programs.

Paycheck Protection Program

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides up to \$10 million in federally guaranteed, low-interest loans, to small businesses and eligible non-profits. Importantly, the loans can be 100% forgiven if borrowers rehire and retain employees in the 8 weeks following receipt of the loans. To learn more about the PPP program, please click [here](#) and to find a lender you can use this [tool](#) or view this fact [sheet](#).

Economic Injury Disaster Loans

The SBA's EIDL program provides small businesses with working capital loans to help overcome a temporary loss of revenue due to COVID-19. Small businesses and eligible nonprofits can request an emergency advance up to \$10,000, which by law must be disbursed in three days and does not need to be repaid. To apply click [here](#).

Small Business Debt Relief Program

This program will provide immediate relief to small businesses with 7(a), 504, and Microloans. SBA will cover all payments on SBA loans, including principle, interest, and fees for six months. To learn more, please click [here](#).

FEDERAL RESERVE

Paycheck Protection Program

On April 6, the Federal Reserve issued a [statement](#) that it would establish a lending facility for banks providing Paycheck Protection Program loans to small businesses, incentivizing smaller banks to participate in the program. The Federal Reserve would purchase loans from banks and lenders, freeing up cash to issue new loans. Other actions can be found [here](#).

Main Street Business Lending Program

On April 9, the Federal Reserve took additional steps to support the economy by injecting another \$2.3 trillion in financing into businesses and state, county, and local governments. To ensure credit flows to mid-size businesses, the Federal Reserve will purchase up to \$600 billion in loans through the Main Street Business Lending Program to help medium size businesses. Loans ranging between \$1 million and \$25 million will be offered to businesses with up to \$10,000 employees and \$2.5 billion in revenues. To learn more click [here](#).

SBA DISTRICT OFFICES

To connect with your local SBA District Office for more assistance, please click [here](#).