



COVID-19 Program update:

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Also, as you may encounter any additional information of find corrections that should be made to this material, please get back to us so that we may pass your added insights along to others.

Please feel free to contact us for any help we can provide

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**A Summary uide to the COVID-19 Sources
of Assistance and Financial Aid.**

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

SMALL BUSINESS BRIDGE LOAN - Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

1. Interest Rate: 0%
2. Term: 12 months
3. Loan Amount: up to \$50,000 (Special Circumstance: \$100,000)
4. Application and Information Link: www.floridadisasterloan.org

ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM (EIDL) - Small Business Administration (SBA)

- Interest Rate: 3.75% (2.75% non-profits)
 - Term: up to 30 years (determined by SBA)
 - Loan Amount: up to \$2 million
 - Application: <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>
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- Information Link: <https://www.sba.gov/page/disaster-loan-applications>

ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM (EIDL) EMERGENCY \$10,000 GRANT - Small Business Administration (SBA)

- Amount: \$10,000
- Term: no repayment
- Application: <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>
- Information
Link : https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/uscc_covid19_sb-economic-injury-disaster-loans.pdf

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) - Small Business Administration (SBA)

Highlights:

- Interest Rate: up to 4%
- Term: up to 10 years
- Loan Amount: up to \$10 million
- Application: Participating SBA 7a lender or SBA eligible lender portal
- <https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form--paycheck-protection-program-borrower-application-form>
- Information Link: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/top-priorities/cares-act/assistance-for-small-businesses> and https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/023595_comm_corona_virus_smallbiz_loan_final.pdf

More details on the PPP

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides \$349 billion of loan funds to support small businesses and other eligible entities impacted by COVID-19 to pay workers, interest on mortgage obligations, rent, insurance, paid sick or medical leave, utilities, and payroll related costs incurred from February 15, 2020 – June 30, 2020.

- Eligible applicants can apply for a PPP loan, up to a maximum of \$10 million, from participating lenders. Loan amounts are based on previous payroll and covered cost amounts.
- Up to eight weeks of eligible expenses during the covered period can be forgiven from the loan principal as long as the employer maintains previous payroll counts during this emergency.

- PPP loan repayments will be deferred for six months. Lenders can elect to defer the loan for a total of twelve months.
- Interest rates associated with PPP loans will be at a maximum 4% per annum. • There will be no fees for borrowers to apply.
- There are not collateral requirements or personal guarantees for the loan. • SBA credit elsewhere test does not apply to this loan.
- All PPP loans are federally guaranteed by the SBA 100%
- Additional details of PPP will be provided as the SBA regulations, which the CARES Act requires to occur within 15 days of March 27, 2020. What are eligible expenses under PPP?
- Eligible expenses include payroll support, such as employee salaries, paid sick or medical leave, insurance premiums, and mortgage, rent, and utility payments. Who is eligible and can apply for PPP?
- Small businesses with 500 employees or less; The SBA size standards show by NAICS code for each type of business: <https://www.sba.gov/size-standards>; or • 501(c)(3) nonprofit; or • 501(c)(19) veteran's organization; or
- Tribal business concern described in section 31(b)(2)(C) of the Small Business Act with not more than 500 employees; or 1
- Sole-proprietors, independent contractors, and other self-employed individuals; or • Businesses with more than one physical location that employs no more than 500 employees per physical location in certain industries to be eligible and is below a gross annual receipts threshold in certain industries; or
- Businesses in the hospitality and restaurant industries, franchises that are approved on the SBA's Franchise Directory; or •
- Small business that receives financing through the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program.

Common Questions:

Do I have to be operational to apply?

- Yes, entities must have been operational by February 15, 2020 and had payroll and paid taxes.

Where can I apply for PPP loan?

- You can apply through authorized bank and non-bank lenders approved by Small Business Administration and U.S. Department Treasury for PPP program.
- Lenders are waiting for guidance from the SBA on when to start accepting applications
- We will provide more information as lenders are identified.

Who approves my PPP loan?

- The lender who is approved by SBA or U.S. Treasury for PPP will approve your loan application.

What is the time period covered under the PPP?

- The covered loan period is from February 15, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

What is the maximum loan amount under the PPP?

- The maximum loan amount to \$10 million.

- There is a formula to determine the loan amount that is related to payroll costs incurred by the business.

How much is the loan guarantee provided by SBA to lenders under the Program?

- 100% loan guarantee through December 31, 2020.

Can I still apply for PPP if I can obtain credit elsewhere?

- Yes. Credit elsewhere requirements are waived for this PPP.

What certifications will I need to provide in order to apply for PPP?

- Borrower must certify in good faith that funds are needed for COVID-19 related purposes, that the funds will be used to retain workers, and that their request is not duplicative with other SBA funds for the same purpose.

What fees will I need to pay in order for PPP?

- PPP Waives borrower and lender fees.

Is there a collateral or personal guarantee requirement for PPP?

- No. Both collateral and personal guarantees are waived.

What is the interest on PPP loans?

- Maximum interest that can be is up to 4%.
- The Lender will determine the interest rate.

Is there a prepayment penalty or fee on PPP?

- No. There are no prepayment fees or penalty.

Are there deferred payments allowed under PPP?

- Loan payments will be deferred for 6 months.
- A lender can elect to defer for additional 6 months.

Is any portion of the PPP loan forgivable?

- Yes. Amount spent by borrower in the first 8 weeks from loan origination will be forgiven with appropriate documentation provided to the lender.

- Amount will be reduced proportionately by the reductions in workforce as compared to the previous year.

- If rehires are made during the 8-week period, then will be no penalty in reflection of possible layoffs early in the 8-week period.

What happens to my PPP loan after December 31, 2020?

- Anything not forgiven or repaid by December 31, 2020 will convert to a maximum 10-year loan at a maximum of 4% interest rate per annum.

- The loan will remain 100% guaranteed by SBA.

Loan Forgiveness for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) The Act establishes that the PPP borrower are eligible for loan forgiveness equal to the amount spent by the borrower during an 8-week period after the origination date of the PPP loan.

What can be included in the PPP loan forgiveness amount?

- Payroll costs; • Mortgage payment on mortgage incurred prior to February 15, 2020; • Interest payment on mortgage incurred prior to February 15, 2020;
- Payment of rent on lease prior to February 15, 2020; and
- Payment on any utility for which service began before February 15, 2020.

What is the maximum amount of PPP loan can be forgiven?

- Amounts forgiven may not exceed the principal amount of the loan.
- Eligible payroll costs do not include compensation above \$100,000 in wages.

How is PPP loan forgiveness calculated?

• PPP Loan forgiveness equals the sum of payroll costs incurred during the covered 8-week period compared to the previous year or time period, proportionate to maintaining employees and wages: - Payroll costs plus any payment of interest on any mortgage obligation (which shall not include any prepayment of or payment of principal on a covered mortgage obligation) plus any payment on any rent obligation and any utility payment. - The amount forgiven will be reduced proportionally by any reduction in employees retained compared to the prior year and reduced by the 4 reduction in pay of any employee beyond 25 percent of their prior year compensation. - To encourage employers to rehire any employees who have already been laid off due to the COVID-19 crisis, borrowers that re-hire workers previously laid off will not be penalized for having a reduced payroll at the beginning of the period. Further, forgiveness is allowed for additional wages paid to tipped workers.

What proof do I need to submit to my lender to qualify to PPP loan forgiveness?

- Borrowers will provide documentation to lenders of their payments during the period such as payroll tax filings, proof of lease payments, proof of mortgage payments, and proof of utility payments.
- Proof of payment can be a bank statement or canceled checks. When will my PPP loan be approved for forgiveness?
- The borrower must make a request to the lender for forgiveness by providing documentation of payments made under the covered period.
- The lender has 60 days to review and approve the request for forgiveness. What happens to the portion of my PPP loan that is not forgiven?
- Any loan amounts not forgiven at the end of one year is carried forward as an ongoing loan with terms of a max of 10 years, at maximum 4% interest per annum.
- 100% loan guarantee remains intact from the SBA.

TAX CREDITS

EMPLOYEE RETENTION TAX CREDIT

- 50% tax credit for first \$10,000 of compensation

- Information

Link: https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/uscc_covid19_employee-retention-tax-credit.pdf

NET OPERATING LOSSES; NET INTEREST DEDUCTION; CARRYFORWARDS & AMT; PAYROLL TAXES

- CARES Act Bill Brief and Business Tax Programs: <https://www.deanmead.com/2020/03/congress-passes-coronavirus-stimulus-bill/>

WORKFORCE COVID-19 FMLA/FLSA

FAMILY LEAVE AND PAID AND SICK LEAVE ACT - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRCA)

- What Businesses Need to Know: http://www.flchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Updated_Families-First-Coronavirus-Response-Act-Passed-What-Employers-Need-to-Know_NMM_2.pdf
- Department of Labor Employer Fact Sheets: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employer-paid-leave>
- Department of Labor FAQ: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions>
- FFRCA Poster: https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/posters/FFCRA_Poster_WH1422_Non-Federal.pdf

If you have any questions or need any assistance for your business or employees, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Subsidy by Small Business Administration (SBA) on Existing SBA Loans

The CARES Act provides for a six-month loan payment subsidy by SBA on behalf of eligible borrowers on certain existing SBA loans made prior to March 27, 2020.

What loan qualifies for subsidy of payments by SBA?

- SBA loan that qualify for SBA subsidy payment is an existing 7(a) (including Community Advantage), 504, or microloan loans.
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans are not covered for payment subsidy. What is the payment subsidy for eligible loans?
- SBA will pay the principal, interest, and any associated fees that are owed on the eligible loans for a six-month period starting on the next payment due.
- Loans that are already on deferment will receive six months of payment by the SBA beginning with the first payment after the deferral period.
- Loans made up until six months after enactment will also receive a full 6 months of loan payments by the SBA. When will SBA make subsidy payments?
- SBA must make payments no later than 30 days after the date on which the first payment is due.
- SBA is required to still make payments even if the loan was sold on the secondary market.

Are deferments on loans encouraged under the subsidy payment program?

- Yes. SBA is required to encourage lenders to provide deferments and allows lenders, up until one year after enactment, to extend the maturity of SBA loans in deferment beyond existing statutory limits.

Florida Disaster Emergency Bridge Loan

<https://floridadisasterloan.org/>

The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is currently available to small business owners located in all Florida counties statewide that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-19.

These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance.

The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is not designed to be the primary source of assistance to affected small businesses, which is why eligibility is linked pursuant to other financial sources. **Note:** Loans made under this program are short-term debt loans made by the state of Florida using public funds – they are not grants.

Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans require repayment by the approved applicant from longer term financial resources.

Loan Details

- **Designated Disaster Areas:** All Florida counties statewide per Executive Order 20-52.

- **Qualified Applicant:** Applications will be accepted by qualified for-profit, privately held small businesses that maintain a place of business in the state of Florida. All qualified applicants must have been established prior to March 9, 2020, and suffered economic injury as a result of the designated disaster. Qualified small business applicants must be an employer business with 2 to 100 employees.
- **Amount:** Up to \$50,000 per eligible small business. Loans of up to \$100,000 may be made in special cases as warranted by the need of the eligible small business.
- **Term:** 1 year.
- **Limitation:** Only one loan may be made per eligible business. All previous bridge loans received MUST be paid in full.
- **Interest Rate:** Loans will be interest-free for the loan term (1 year). The Interest rate will be 12% per annum on the unpaid balance thereafter, until the loan balance is repaid in full. Loan default is subject to a normal commercial collection process.
- **Application Period:** Applications will be accepted by qualified Florida small businesses under this program through May 8, 2020, contingent on the availability of funds.

Get Started

1. Review the [eligibility requirements and loan process](#).
2. Gather the required [support documentation](#).
3. Options for submitting an application include:
 - [Apply online](#) or
 - Download an [application](#), complete it in full and submit it with the required support documentation by mail or courier to: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, C/O Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan, 107 E. Madison Street, MSC-160, Tallahassee FL 32399-4120.
4. For assistance with completing the application, contact the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity toll-free at (833) 832-4494.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the Emergency Bridge Loan Program, please contact the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity toll-free at (833) 832-4494 or by email at FloridaBusinessLoanFund@deo.myflorida.com.

About the Emergency Bridge Loan Program

The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program was first activated following Hurricane Andrew in 1992. It has been activated 26 additional times following disasters and has helped more than 4,750 small businesses statewide to receive more than \$157.5 million in assistance.

Additional Information resources

Federal Government

Senate and Congressional offices:

Senator Rick Scott

<https://www.rickscott.senate.gov/>

716 Hart Senate Office Bldg

Washington, DC 20510

Phone: (202) 224-5274

Senator Marco Rubio

<https://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/home>

202) 224-3041

Toll free in Florida: (866) 630-7106

Congressman Brian Mast

Washington, DC

<https://mast.house.gov/>

202-225-3026

SBA

Washington, DC

NAICS Size standards

The SBA size standards show by NAICS code for each type of business:

<https://www.sba.gov/size-standards>

SBA Hot Line for Stimulus Information

800-659-2955

State of Florida

Governor Ronald DeSantis

Tallahassee, FL

850-

<https://www.flgov.com/>

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Press releases:

<https://www.fdacs.gov/News-Events/Press-Releases/2020-Press-Releases/Commissioner-Fried-Encourages-Florida-Agriculture-Businesses-to-Apply-for-Paycheck-Protection-Program>

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Covid-19 Health DATA

USA National data sources

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Cases in the US

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.htm>

Florida data sources

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Situation reports

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

Covid-19 dashboard ,; World Map

<https://who.sprinklr.com/>