

List of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Small Business Relief Programs

This is a list of federal, state and lender-specific assistance available to small business across the nation. Most of this information was taken from an article in Forbes website on *March 28, 2020*.

Federal Coronavirus Small Business Assistance

The stimulus package includes several programs aimed at assisting small businesses, such as:

- **Paycheck Protection Loans:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will guarantee loans with terms of up to 10 years and interest rates of up to 4% to businesses with fewer than 500 employees. Businesses can qualify for loans of up to \$10 million, and the loans will be provided by lenders including banks and credit unions. Eligible businesses can get loan deferment for six months to a year, and the loan may be forgiven if the businesses maintains its payroll for eight weeks at employees' normal salary levels.
- **Expanded access to U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans:** As part of its disaster assistance program, the SBA is providing working capital loans of up to \$2 million to small businesses and nonprofits affected by the coronavirus. These loans carry an interest rate of 3.75% for small businesses and 2.75% for nonprofits. Loan repayment terms vary by applicant, up to a maximum of 30 years. The stimulus updated the program so that sole proprietors and businesses with fewer than 500 employees qualify, and applicants don't need to provide a personal guarantee on loans under \$200,000. Payments can also be deferred for up to four years.
- **Emergency grant of \$10,000 to SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan applicants:** Even if your business is denied a loan, you can still access this grant, which can be used to provide employee sick leave, maintain payroll or meet other needs like paying rent.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) coronavirus resource page provides a list of relief programs, and it offers guidance to small business owners during this crisis.

Federal Income Tax Filing and Payment Deadline Extension

The federal tax return filing deadline is now July 15, 2020. For tax payments of up to \$10 million, the IRS has also extended the deadline for both individuals and businesses to July 15, 2020. Estimated tax payments for 2020 originally due on April 15 will now be due on July 15.

Check with your state tax agency to find out if your business has more time to file or more time to pay state and local taxes this year as a result of the coronavirus. Several states have already aligned their tax filing and payment deadlines with the new federal deadline. States also may waive or reduce penalties on late tax payments.

State and Local Coronavirus Small Business Assistance

States and municipalities are adding programs by the day. Check your governor's website for up-to-date information about relief available in your area. The National Governors Association offers a list of governors' websites.

California

San Francisco COVID-19 Small Business Resiliency Fund

Businesses with between one and five employees can apply for up to \$10,000 in emergency funding to help cover rent and employee salaries.

Who's eligible: You must show that you lost 25% or more of your revenue, that you have less than \$2.5 million in gross receipts and that you're properly licensed to operate in San Francisco.

How to apply: The quickest way is to fill out an online application form and email it to investsf@sfgov.org. You'll need to supply proof of payroll costs and lost revenue.

The City of San Francisco has also initiated a moratorium on evictions for small- and medium-sized businesses whose revenue has been affected by the coronavirus. It's effective for 30 days starting March 17, and the mayor has the capability to extend it for another 30 days.

City of Los Angeles Small Business Emergency Microloan Program

Businesses and microenterprises in Los Angeles that are responsible for providing low-income jobs can get an emergency microloan of \$5,000 to \$20,000. Loans with repayment terms of six months to one year carry an interest rate of 0% and five-year loans have interest rates of 3% to 5%.

Who's eligible: To get a loan, you must meet requirements including having “reasonable and responsible” individual credit history, committing to use the loan for working capital only and ensuring your business is located within the City of Los Angeles. If you own 20% or more of the business, you must guarantee the loan.

How to apply: Apply online and provide supporting documentation including business and personal tax returns, three months of bank statements and business and personal financial statements.

Los Angeles has also instituted a moratorium on evictions of businesses impacted by the coronavirus through March 31.

Colorado

Denver Small Business Emergency Relief

This program offers cash grants of up to \$7,500 to businesses in industries particularly hard-hit by the coronavirus.

Who's eligible: Small businesses that have lost the ability to operate, including restaurants, retail shops, barbershops and nail salons.

How to apply: Grants will be distributed monthly, and the first applications will be due March 31. Details are sparse, but fill out an interest form to get more information from the city.

Florida

Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program

Loans of up to \$50,000 — \$100,000 in certain special cases — are available to coronavirus-affected small businesses. The loans are meant to serve as short-term funding that can be repaid once businesses can access alternative funding. Loans are interest-free for one year; after that, the interest rate rises to 12%.

Who's eligible: For-profit small businesses with two to 50 employees. Any previous bridge loans a business has taken out must be paid off.

How to apply: Submit an application by May 8, 2020, along with supporting documents including business tax returns, individual tax returns and employer tax documentation.

Illinois

Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund

Starting March 31, small businesses in Chicago can apply for low-interest loans of up to \$50,000 with repayment terms of up to five years. The amount of the loan you'll qualify for depends on your revenues before business was affected by the coronavirus.

Who's eligible: You must demonstrate a 25% drop in revenue, have less than \$3 million in revenue and fewer than 50 employees, and have no current tax liens or legal judgments.

How to apply: Apply online and include your most recent tax return, bank statements going back to October 2019 and photo ID.

Michigan

Michigan Small Business Relief Program

The State of Michigan will provide both grants and loans to small businesses affected by the coronavirus starting on or around April 1. Grants will be available in amounts of up to \$10,000 to help cover working capital. Loans will be available in amounts from \$50,000 to \$200,000 at interest rates of 0.25%.

Who's eligible: Companies with 50 employees or fewer can qualify for grants, while loans are targeted at companies with 100 employees or fewer that can't get credit elsewhere. In both cases, businesses must show income loss.

How to apply: Applications aren't yet available, but check Michigan Economic Development Corporation for updates.

New York

New York City Employee Retention Grant Program

Small businesses with one to four employees can apply for a grant of up to \$27,000 that covers 40% of payroll costs over the course of two months. You must show that you lost 25% of your

revenue due to the coronavirus. Refer to New York City's coronavirus resource page for small businesses for more information.

Who's eligible: Businesses must be located in one of New York City's five boroughs, have been operating for six months or more and have no current tax liens or legal judgments.

How to apply: Apply online through the New York City Department of Small Business Services website. You'll submit financial documentation showing your revenue decrease and how it compares to this time last year, plus payroll records and bank account information.

New York City Small Business Continuity Fund

If your business has fewer than 100 employees, you can get up to \$75,000 in interest-free loans from the city to cover revenue losses.

Who's eligible: Businesses within the five boroughs that have experienced at least a 25% reduction in revenue can qualify. You must have no tax liens or legal judgments against you, and you must prove a loss in revenue and that you are able to repay the loan.

How to apply: Applications aren't yet open, but fill me out an interest form on the New York City Department of Small Business Services website to get more information when it's available. In the meantime, gather documents that show your decrease in revenue including 2019 tax returns, bank statements and point-of-sales reports.

Oregon

Beaverton Emergency Business Assistance Program

Businesses in Beaverton that were ordered to close as a result of government coronavirus guidelines can apply for \$2,500 per month in rent or mortgage reimbursement while the city is in a declared state of emergency.

Who's eligible: Businesses with fewer than 50 employees that have been ordered to change their services due to the coronavirus. They must have a commercial storefront in Beaverton and a rental lease or mortgage on the property.

How to apply: Submit an application online; funds are awarded on a first-come, first served basis.

Hillsboro Small Business Emergency Relief Program

From March 23 to April 20, businesses in Hillsboro can apply to receive a \$5,000 grant to offset losses associated with the coronavirus. Priority will be given to restaurants, bars, education facilities and businesses that serve large groups of people.

Who's eligible: Businesses with 10 or fewer employees will be prioritized.

How to apply: Submit a W-9, federal tax ID number and Hillsboro business license number along with an online application.¹

Texas

El Paso, San Antonio Emergency Business Assistance Programs by LiftFund

Business Loan Terms

- Initial 120 day deferral of P&I upon closing the loan
- 5% commitment fee
- Terms are based on size of loan: 24 months for loans up to \$15,000 36 months for loans over \$15,000 up to \$25,000
- Eligibility:
- Employed fewer than 10 full time employees at all business locations.
- Annual gross revenues of not more than \$1 million from all business activities at all business locations
- Must be in good standing with creditors for at least six months prior to COVID-19 outbreak.
- Loans are limited to businesses that are located and will reopen in same location in the Funder's area
- Demonstrates a loss of at least 15% of revenue in the period beginning March 1, 2020.
- Must be verified through one or more of the following:
- Plaid access via LiftFund application,
- Paper documentation via bank,
- Business will demonstrate/show plan of action including assessment of financials to stabilize with funds as part of the assessment. The assessment and planning will be done

¹ McGurran, B. March 20, 2020, List Of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Small Business Relief Programs

as consultations with the applicants. Team members will assist and review with the applicants.

- This includes a plan of action and budget from the business demonstrating need and ability to proceed with funding. Businesses in El Paso are using a LiftFund program that has zero percent interest with no payments during the first three months.