Small Business Loans in Response to COVID – 19

Small Businesses are eligible to apply for loans and the Emergency Economic Injury Grant from the Federal Government. These applications are divided into two paths, described below.

www.SBA.gov or www.SBDClynchburgregion.org

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) & Emergency Economic Injury Advance via the Small Business Administration Portal.

This is one application for both programs. These grants provide an emergency advance of up to $10,000 (amount varies by # of employees) to small businesses and private non-profits harmed by COVID-19. To access the advance, you first apply for an EIDL and then request the advance. The advance does not need to be repaid under any circumstance, and may be used to keep employees on payroll, to pay for sick leave, meet increased production costs due to supply chain disruptions, or pay business obligations, including debts, rent and mortgage payments. EIDLs are lower interest loans of up to $2 million, with principal and interest deferment at the Administrator’s discretion, that are available to pay for expenses that could have been met had the disaster not occurred, including payroll and other operating expenses.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans via Local SBA Lenders.

The program would provide cash-flow assistance through 100 percent federally guaranteed loans to employers who maintain their payroll during this emergency. If employers maintain their payroll, the loans would be forgiven, which would help workers remain employed, as well as help affected small businesses and our economy snap-back quicker after the crisis. PPP has a host of attractive features, such as forgiveness of up to 8 weeks of payroll based on employee retention and salary levels, no SBA fees, and at least six months of deferral with maximum deferrals of up to a year. Small businesses and other eligible entities will be able to apply if they were harmed by COVID-19 between February 15, 2020 and June 30, 2020. This program would be retroactive to February 15, 2020, in order to help bring workers who may have already been laid off back onto payrolls. Loans are available through June 30, 2020.

Quick FAQs

- You CAN apply for both the EIDL and the PPP. You may not use funds to cover the same payroll period or for the same purposes as other SBA loans.
- Private Non-profits can apply for both EIDL and PPP. Only 501(c)3 and (c)19’s may apply for PPP.
- A list of local SBA 7a Lenders is below. Please contact a lender for more information on the PPP.
- Please contact the SBDC for assistance in applying for the EIDL and to answer other questions.
- Keep good records. Anticipate that reporting the use of grants and loan funding will be required.

There are other programs available, including SBA Debt Relief, SBA Express Bridge Loans and other guidance for small business and government contractors. More information can be found at https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources