

## ESSEX COUNTY OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

### RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19 Federal Resources

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides more than \$377 billion in support to small businesses.

HOW?

Paycheck Protection Program

Emergency Economic Injury Grants

Debt Relief for Existing and New SBA Borrowers

Paid Leave for Government Contractors

Resources for Business Counseling Services

The CARES Act provides \$349 billion in new SBA 7(a) loans through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

Importantly, if the proceeds of the PPP are used for 1) payroll costs, 2) mortgage interest payments, 3) rent, and 4) utilities, that portion of the loan is forgivable.

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, interest rates at 0.5%, and at least six months of deferral with maximum deferrals of up to a year.

To find an SBA approved lender near you, visit the SBA's Lenders Match webpage at:

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/lender-match>

### Small Business Administration (SBA) Grants and Loans

- Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

Eligible entities may qualify for loans up to \$2million.

The interest rates for this disaster are 3.75 percent for small businesses and 2.75 percent for nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30years.

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.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDLs) funds come directly from the U.S. Treasury.

Applicants do not go through a bank to apply. Instead apply directly to SBA's Disaster Assistance Program at: [DisasterLoan.sba.gov](https://disasterloan.sba.gov)

- EIDL 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 loan advance will not have to be repaid.

Apply at <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>

For questions, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-6592955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

- Paycheck Protection Program (PPA)

The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll.

SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.

The Paycheck Protection Program will be available through June 30, 2020

Lenders may begin processing loan applications as soon as April 3, 2020.

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.

### **New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Grants and Loans**

- Operating expense grants of up to \$5K to small businesses with 1-10 FTE in highly impacted industries
- Up to \$100K working capital loans for up to 10 years for businesses with under \$5M revenue; 0% for years 1-5, 1-2% for years 6-10
- CDFI First Loss Reserve Fund \$10M capital reserve fund for first-loss position on CDFI loans that provide low/no-interest loans to micro biz.
- Emergency Assistance Guarantee Program 50% guarantee of working capital loans, take first loss position; no fees
- NJ Entrepreneur Support Program Provide 80% loan guarantees for working capital loans to start-up entrepreneurs

Technical Assistance support for loan application available at African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ), New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of Commerce, Rising Tide Capital, and Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (SHCCNJ)

For further information visit: [CV.BUSINESS.NJ.GOV](https://cv.business.nj.gov)

### **Upcoming Webinars**

- African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ) - COVID-19 Information and Resource – Thursday, April 9, 2020, 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_iLtNeMT0S1mMdwg631JHAQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iLtNeMT0S1mMdwg631JHAQ)
- New Jersey Chamber of Commerce – A Discussion with Al Titone, SBA District Director of New Jersey – Get the latest information about the Small Business Administration’s Coronavirus Relief Loan Programs –  
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 5.15 p.m.

By computer

Meeting link: Click here <https://roi-nj.webex.com/webappng/sites/roi-nj/meeting/download/43a2e555e5fb4b11a9969b02bce7cec6?siteurl=roi-nj&MTID=m0270783fda9aabfdd082eec9f2f160e8>

Meeting number: 795 368 247

Password: WHjGTu2ah36

By video system

Dial 795368247@roi-nj.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

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