

# COVID-19 RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF APRIL 2, 2020

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*The CARES Act and other federal programs continue to evolve and change daily. Applicants may experience delays while agencies, banks and other lenders adapt their procedures.*

*Nonprofit organizations may be eligible for SBA Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS



Paycheck Protection Program



EIDL Loan Advance



SBA Express Bridge Loans



SBA Debt Relief

For more details about SBA COVID-19 Relief Programs please check SBA's website or contact the SBA.

- URL: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>
- Call: 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339)
- Email: [DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov)

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## PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

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.

This program is for any small business with less than 500 employees (including sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed persons), private non-profit organization or 501(c)(19) veterans organizations affected by coronavirus/COVID-19.

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.

**Contact your local bank and ask if they are participating in the program.**

See local lender list at <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/hi/honolulu/resources/hawaii-lender-list>

The loan will be fully forgiven if the funds are used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities. At least 75% of the forgiven amount must have been used for payroll. Loan payments will also be deferred for six months. No collateral or personal guarantees are required. Neither the government nor lenders will charge small businesses any fee.

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## ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN (EIDL) AND EIDL EMERGENCY ADVANCE

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. The loan advance will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Funds will be made available within three days of a successful application, and this loan advance will not have to be repaid.

Businesses **can** apply for both the Payroll Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan.

Small businesses can also apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan advance of up to \$10,000. Funds will be available within three days of a successful application. This loan will not have to be repaid.

Apply online now at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov). Businesses **can** apply for both the Payroll Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan.

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## SBA EXPRESS BRIDGE LOANS

- Allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 with less paperwork.
- If a business has an urgent need for cash while waiting for decision and disbursement of their Economic Injury Disaster Loan, they may qualify for an SBA Express Disaster Bridge Loan.

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## DEBT RELIEF FOR NEW AND EXISTING SBA BORROWERS

- The SBA will pay the principal, interest, and fees of current 7(a) loans for a period of six months.
- The SBA will also pay the principal, interest, and fees of new 7(a) Loans issued prior to September 27, 2020.

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## ADDITIONAL TAX RELIEF IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CARES ACT

See <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus> for details.

- **Employee Retention Tax Credit:** The CARES Act creates a refundable payroll tax credit for businesses of all sizes that retain their employees during the COVID-19 crisis.
- **Payroll Tax Delay:** Employers may delay paying the employer-portion of payroll taxes through the end of 2020.
- **Advance Payment of Tax Credits for Paid Leave:** The Treasury can send advance payments of tax credits available to employers that are required to provide up to 12 weeks of COVID-related paid leave to their employees.

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Through July 31, 2020, USDA Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan borrowers and Rural Energy for America Program borrowers may request payment referrals for up to 120 days.

*For questions not covered by the information above, go to [www.hawaiicounty.gov/covidbusinesshelp](http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/covidbusinesshelp) or contact the County of Hawai'i Department of Research and Development at 961-8366 or [chresdev@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:chresdev@hawaiicounty.gov).*