



“Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you”

-Walt Whitman

SBSD’s update this week includes information regarding the status of SBA’s programs.
Information is current as of April 17, 2020.

**Notice: Effective April 16, 2020, EIDL and PPP funds have been exhausted.
Applications are not being accepted at this time. We encourage you to begin
organizing your necessary financial documents in the event Congress passes the
fourth COVID-19 bill.**

Statement by Secretary Mnuchin and Administrator Carranza on the Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program

On April 15, 2020, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Jovita Carranza issued the following statement regarding the Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program:

“The SBA has processed more than 14 years’ worth of loans in less than 14 days. The Paycheck Protection Program is saving millions of jobs and helping America’s small businesses make it through this challenging time. The EIDL program is also providing much-needed relief to people and businesses.”

“By law, the SBA will not be able to issue new loan approvals once the programs experience a lapse in appropriations.”

“We urge Congress to appropriate additional funds for the Paycheck Protection Program a critical and overwhelmingly bipartisan program—at which point we will once again be able to process loan applications, issue loan numbers, and protect millions more paychecks.”

“The high demand we have seen underscores the need for hardworking Americans to have access to relief as soon as possible. We want every eligible small business to participate and get the resources they need.”

Please be aware, the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD), as well as the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (VSBFA), is not a part of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and will not be able to provide status updates on EIDL and PPP loan applications.

SBSD encourages you to reach to the SBA for assistance regarding your application status at: <https://www.sba.gov/>, Customer Service: 800-659-2955 –open 24 hours Monday through Friday; Saturday and Sunday 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Grant Opportunity:

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Launches Nationwide "Save Small Business" Initiative.

To combat the economic destruction threatening the survival of small businesses in every town across America, on April 15, 2020, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce launched the **Save Small Business Initiative** - a nationwide program to address small businesses' immediate needs, mitigate closures and job losses, and mobilize support for long-term recovery.

An important aspect of the initiative is the "Save Small Business Fund" - Helping small employers who are struggling during the COVID-19 outbreak. This fund is a grant making initiative offering short term relief for small employers in the United States and its territories. Funded by corporate and philanthropic partners, the Save Small Business Fund is a collective effort to provide \$5,000 grants to as many employers as they can.

To qualify for the fund an employer must meet the following criteria:

- Employ between 3 and 20 people
- Be located in an economically vulnerable community
- Have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

An employer can determine if they are in an economically vulnerable community by entering their zip code associated with their business (as listed on their W-9) on the Save Small Business website.

A short application will go live on the Save Small Business website on **April 20, 2020 at 12 noon, Pacific Time**. The website also allows for employers to sign up for a reminder of when the application portal is open.

To learn more about the program and to sign up visit <https://www.savesmallbusiness.com>

Urban Financial Services Coalition www.ufscnet.org

In the News:

Governor Northam Announces \$70 Million in New Funding to Expand Access to Child Care during COVID-19 Pandemic

Additional funds will support child care services for essential personnel, prepare emergency child care centers

On April 15, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam today announced an additional \$70 million in Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding through the federal CARES Act to further support the provision of child care for essential personnel.

“Many child care centers have had to close their doors due COVID-19, but their services are vital for the critical workers on the front lines of this public health crisis,” **said Governor Northam**. “I thank our child care providers who work each and every day to ensure our youngest Virginians are receiving quality early childhood care and education, and are going to extraordinary lengths to keep them healthy and safe during these unprecedented and challenging time.”

The closure of K-12 schools impacts nearly 1.2 million Virginia children under the age of 12. In partnership with the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the CCDBG stimulus funding will provide additional avenues to ensure the availability of child care services for essential personnel and cash assistance to child care providers.

“The most important aspect of Virginia’s early care and education system is our dedicated educators, and this past month has made that more evident than ever,” **said First Lady Pamela Northam**. “That’s why we fought so hard to get this additional funding to them as quickly as possible.”

Across Virginia, approximately 2,672 child care centers—nearly 45 percent—have closed, including nearly 40 percent of centers that serve children through the Child Care Subsidy Program. Combined with family day homes and other child care sites, these closures represent a reduction in capacity of at least 200,000 slots as of the end of March.

The funding will be used to increase the availability of child care services for essential personnel and support child care centers in the following ways:

- Provide incentive grants to child care providers that are open, from now through the end of June;
- Eliminate co-payments through June for low-income, working families who receive federal child care subsidy dollars;
- Prepare schools to act as emergency child care centers, where needed; and
- Provide additional funding for child care providers that participate in the federal subsidy program, but have had to close. This will help ensure they are ready to welcome children back as soon as this crisis has passed.

“Our essential workers are facing a limited number of child care options as providers struggle to remain operational,” **said VDSS Commissioner S. Duke Storen**. “These measures are critical to ensuring Virginia can maintain a strong child care system not only during this crisis but beyond.”

Virginia will begin paying current subsidy providers and waiving co-pay for families already receiving federally subsidized child care this week. Updated guidance and answers to frequently asked questions about Virginia’s Child Care Subsidy Program is available [here](#). A comprehensive guide to COVID-19 child care resources in Virginia, including information about how apply for the CCDBG grants, is available [here](#).

Parents who serve in essential industries and are in need of child care services should visit Child Care Aware at VAchildcare.org or call 1-866-KIDS-TLC for an up-to-date list of child care options in their area.

The safety and well-being of Virginia’s children, families, and workers remain a top priority. Child care centers that remain open have been provided additional health and safety [guidance](#) by VDSS.

How to Help:

If you or your organization are interested in helping the effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, FEMA has established a website (www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help) with more information. Examples for the private sector include:

- To **sell medical supplies or equipment** to the federal government, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R0000011](#)).

* This solicitation requires registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award, pursuant to applicable regulations and guidelines. Registration information can be found at www.sam.gov. Registration must be “ACTIVE” at the time of award.

- If you are a private company that wants to **produce a product related** to the COVID response – email nbeoc@max.gov.
- If you are a **hospital or healthcare provider in need of medical supplies**, please contact your state, local, tribal or territory department of public health and/or emergency management agency.
- If you are interested in **doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID- 19** with your company’s non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov.

What you should know:

- [Workplace, School, and Home Guidance](#)
- [People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)
- [How COVID-19 Spreads](#)
- [Symptoms](#)
- [Steps to Prevent Illness](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [What to Do If You Are Sick with COVID-19](#)
- [Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)
- [Facts about COVID-19](#)
- [Information for People at Higher Risk and Special Populations](#)
- [Communication Resources](#)

The Office of Inspector General recognizes that we are facing unprecedented times and is alerting the public about potential fraud schemes related to economic stimulus programs offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration in response to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the largest financial assistance bill to date, includes provisions to help small businesses. Fraudsters have already begun targeting small business owners during these economically difficult times. **Be on the lookout for grant fraud, loan fraud, and phishing.**

Scams and Fraud Schemes

Grants

SBA **does not** initiate contact on either 7a or Disaster loans or grants. If you are proactively contacted by someone claiming to be from the SBA, suspect fraud.

Loans

- If you are contacted by someone promising to get approval of an SBA loan, but requires any payment up front or offers a high interest bridge loan in the interim, suspect fraud.
- SBA limits the fees a broker can charge a borrower to 3% for loans \$50,000 or less and 2% for loans \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 with an additional ¼% on amounts over \$1,000,000. Any attempt to charge more than these fees is inappropriate.
- If you have a question about getting a SBA disaster loan, call 800-659-2955 or send an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.
- If you have questions about other SBA lending products, call SBA's Answer Desk at 800-827-5722 or send an email to .

Phishing

- If you are in the process of applying for an SBA loan and receive email correspondence asking for PII, ensure that the referenced application number is consistent with the actual application number.
- Look out for phishing attacks/scams utilizing the SBA logo. These may be attempts to obtain your personally identifiable information (PII), to obtain personal banking access, or to install ransomware/malware on your computer.
- Any email communication from SBA will come from accounts ending with **sba.gov**.
- The presence of an SBA logo on a webpage **does not** guaranty the information is accurate or endorsed by SBA. Please cross-reference any information you receive with information available at www.sba.gov.

Report Fraud

Report any suspected fraud to OIG's Hotline at 800-767-0385 or online at, <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/oversight-advocacy/office-inspector-general/office-inspector-general-hotline>.

Information for Businesses:

- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- SBA: [Supporting Small Businesses](#)
- SBA: [Disaster Assistance](#)
- DOL: [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
- DOL: [OSHA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19](#)
- DOL: [Unemployment Insurance Resource Map](#)
- WHO: [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)
- National Federation of Independent Businesses: <https://www.nfib.com/content/analysis/coronavirus/coronavirus-small-business-financial-resources/>
- Virginia Tourism: <http://www.vatc.org/coronavirus>

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