



## **Need help with a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan application?**

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If you are contacted by someone promising to get approval of your SBA loan in exchange for payment up front or by someone offering a high interest rate on a small business loan, you should suspect fraud. There is no fee or charge in applying for SBA loans.

The Office of Economic Development (OED) provides free technical assistance to businesses to:

- Better understand available financial resources
- Check eligibility
- Apply for SBA loans and complete the application

Please call the Seattle Office of Economic Development at **206-684-8090**. You can ask for interpretation and receive assistance in-language over the phone.

When you call please tell us:

- Your name
- Phone number
- The language you need in English
- What support you need

If you need language assistance, either a bilingual staff member will call you back, or we will call in a third-party interpreter on the phone to assist with the conversation.

Please note that many people are calling us for help, so expect long wait times. You may also experience a wait time while connecting to an interpreter.

Here are four funding options from SBA to help you overcome the economic disruption due to the COVID-19 outbreak:

## **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and Loan Advance**

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Businesses and non-profits that have been impacted by COVID-19 are eligible to apply for low-interest working capital loans through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program. These loans can help small businesses cover debt and operating expenses. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses and 2.75% for non-profits.

Small business owners are eligible to apply for an EIDL advance that can be deposited you're your account right away while your SBA loan application is processing. The advance is \$1,000 per employee, up to \$10,000



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maximum. The advance does not need to be repaid regardless of outcome of the EIDL application. **The deadline to apply for an EIDL is December 16, 2020.**

## SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans

The SBA **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** offers forgivable loans to small businesses so they can continue to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis. Businesses apply through their local banks, and loan terms are the same for everyone. Small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they have 500 or fewer employees. The loan amounts will be forgiven as long as:



- The loan proceeds are used to cover payroll costs, most mortgage interest, rent, and utility costs over an eight-week period between February 16 and June 30, 2020.
- 75% of the loan amount must go towards payroll.
- Employee and compensation levels are maintained at levels prior to February 16, 2020.

## SBA Express Bridge Loans



The **Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program** allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA express lender to quickly access up to \$25,000. These loans can bridge the gap while applying for a direct SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). If a small business has an urgent need for cash while waiting for a decision or waiting for a disbursement on an Economic Injury

Disaster Loan, they may qualify for an SBA Express Disaster Bridge Loan.

## Deferment of existing SBA loans

If you have an existing business loan through SBA, the SBA Debt Relief program provides a reprieve to small businesses as they overcome the challenges created by COVID-19. If you have an existing loan with SBA, under the SBA Debt Relief program, SBA might be able to pay the principal and interest toward these loans.

