
COVID-19 FEDERAL “CARES ACT” KEY RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES



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- Resources for Individuals:
 - Stimulus checks
 - Unemployment
- Resources for Small Businesses:
 - Paycheck Protection Program
 - Economic Injury Disaster Loans



RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS

STIMULUS CHECKS

- Checks will come automatically to eligible individuals. There is no need to apply
- Identified via social security number or tax return
 - Must have an eligible social security number to qualify
- Must earn less than \$99,000 for an individual or \$198,000 for a couple to qualify

STIMULUS CHECKS

- Individuals
 - Earning \$75,000 annually or less = payment of \$1,200
 - Earning \$75,000 to \$99,000 annually:
 - Payment of \$1,200 by \$5 per \$100 of income
- Couples
 - Earning \$150,000 annually or less = payment of \$2,400
 - Earning between \$150,000 and \$198,000, similar incremental decreases in the payments
- Additional \$500 for each dependent, for those who qualify

UNEMPLOYMENT

- Go beyond existing unemployment benefits to individuals, subsidizing state benefits with an additional \$600 per week for four months
- For temporary lay-offs or furloughs
- No waiting periods
- Sole proprietors, contractors and gig workers are eligible
- Applications can be backdated to when unemployment began
- Under a furlough, employees can remain on company health insurance while collecting benefits
- Get more info/apply through NYS at <https://www.labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm>



RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

- New loan program for small businesses
- Available starting 4.3.20
- Businesses with less than 500 employees are eligible
- Loan program guaranteed by the Small Business Administration, which pays bank fees for originating the loan
- Waives some credit provisions
- All or part of the loan can be forgiven

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

- A loan will be provided based on 2.5 times the average monthly payroll expenses for 2019.
- Up to \$10 million loan to cover certain business costs including employee payroll, rent, insurance, paid sick or medical leave, interest on mortgage obligations and utilities.
 - Only payroll up to \$100,000 annually for any employee or contractor can be counted toward the loan calculation.
 - Cannot count sick or family leave time for which credit is allowed under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
- Payroll will need to be proven, likely with IRS 941 payroll reports.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

- Loan Forgiveness:
 - All or part of the loan may be forgiven based on the expenses of the business for an 8-week period between Feb 15 and June 30, 2020
 - The forgiveness will be based on payroll, qualifying contractor payments, payroll expenses, rent, utilities and mortgage interest
 - At least 75% of the forgiveness amount must be for payroll related expenses
 - Forgiveness will be reduced by the same percentage full time equivalent headcount declines, or if salaries and wages decrease by more than 25%. You will have until June 30, 2020 to rehire
 - If the initial loan amount exceeds forgiveness amount it converts to a term loan (2 years @ 1%)

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

- How to Apply:
 - Beginning April 3, 2020 for businesses and sole proprietorships
 - Beginning April 10, 2020 for contractors and self-employed individuals
 - Apply through SBA lenders: <https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find>
 - Helpful info, including full Federal regulations: www.esd.gov
 - Application Link: <https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form--paycheck-protection-program-ppp-sample-application-form>

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

- Loans are only available directly through participating banks and lending institutions
- If you already have a business account with a participating lender, contact them directly to begin the application process
- As funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, apply as early as possible!
- Additional information for new borrowers or those looking for a lender:
<https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/SBA%20Lenders%20List.pdf>
- For a list of required documents to help prepare your application:
<https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/PPP%20Checklist.pdf>

ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS (EIDL)

- New SBA program offers loans for small businesses & non-profits
- Loan up to \$2M at interest rate of 3.75% for business, 2.75% for non-profits
- Repayment term up to 30 years
- May include an advance of up to \$10,000
- Easier to qualify for than traditional SBA loans
- Can be used for working capital and other expenses
- Apply through the SBA at: <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>

- Note: a business can apply for both EIDL and PPP but cannot use the funds for the same purpose

NEED MORE HELP?

- **New York Small Business Development Centers:** Provide small business owners and entrepreneurs in New York with the highest quality, confidential business counseling, training, and business research at no cost. <http://nysbdc.org/>
- **Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers:** Provide instruction, training, technical assistance and support services to new and aspiring entrepreneurs in local communities statewide. <https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/EAC%20Contact%20List.pdf>
- **Community Development Financial Institutions:** Local financial service providers with locations throughout New York; often the sole provider of banking and other financial services in communities that are not served by traditional banks and financial institutions. <https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/CDFI%20List.pdf>
- Other useful information: www.esd.ny.gov