

This resource directory is provided to assist businesses in identifying and navigating some of the financial resources available during the COVID-19 pandemic. This listing is not exhaustive of all available programs and primarily identifies governmental assistance programs for small businesses. For current program requirements and up-to-date information, please review the agency program websites listed below.

Regional Business Fund, Inc. Micro Loan Fund

<https://www.rbfinc.org/micro-loan-fund>

The Micro Loan Fund Program provides small loans to startup or newly established small businesses two years of age or less who are unable to access traditional financing (bank or credit union).

Regional Business Fund, Inc. Growth Loan Fund

<https://www.rbfinc.org/growth-loan-fund>

The Growth Loan Fund is for established companies that have financing needs that cannot be met by traditional lending institutions. Eligible businesses have been operating for more than two years and have at least \$100K in sales within the last 12 months.

SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program

<https://www.svograntportal.sba.gov/s/>

The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established through the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits and Venues Act and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act to provide over \$16 billion in economic relief to target industries. The SVOG application portal will be launched soon.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance (EIDL)

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loans>

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, small business owners, including agricultural businesses, and nonprofit organizations in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories can apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan. The EIDL program is designed to provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue due to coronavirus (COVID-19). Effective April 22, the SBA modified the Targeted EIDL Advance application process to determine if businesses also qualify for the additional \$5,000 Supplemental Targeted Advance. For details about the Targeted EIDL Advance and Supplemental Targeted Advance program, please visit [SBA.gov/eidl](https://www.sba.gov/eidl).

SBA Debt Relief Program

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-debt-relief>

Under this program the SBA will assist with principal and interest payments for SBA 7(a) loans issued prior to September 27, 2020.

SBA Express Bridge Loan Program

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/sba-express-bridge-loans>

This program allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access financing quickly. These loans can provide economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing and can be a term loan or used to bring the gap while applying for an SBA EIDL loan.



U.S. Department of Agriculture Business & Industry (B&I) CARES Act Program

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-and-industry-cares-act-program>

USDA is making available up to \$1 billion in loan guarantees to help rural businesses meet their working capital needs during the coronavirus pandemic. This program is available to rural businesses and agricultural producers that are not eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency loans. See program webpage for additional details.

City of Eau Claire EDA CARES Revolving Loan Fund

<https://www.eauclaireddevelopment.com/doing-business/financial-assistance/>

This program is designed to provide benefits to businesses that were operating successfully prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. Any manufacturing, commercial, service, and creative economy businesses located within the Eau Claire city limits may apply for funding. See program webpage for details.

