

State-Specific Programs

CONNECTICUT:

- Tax extensions: The filing deadlines for certain annual tax returns due on or after March 15, 2020, and before June 1, 2020, are extended by at least 30 days. In addition, the payments associated with these returns are also extended to the corresponding due date in June.

[Link here.](#)

- Other resources:
 - DECD's COVID-19 Business Emergency Response Unit:
 - The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development has created a COVID-19 Business Emergency Response Unit dedicated to assisting businesses navigate resources and develop new resources. A dedicated phone line is available at 860-500-2333 to provide assistance to Connecticut's small businesses for this purpose.
 - Links: [Connecticut state website](#)

- Interest rate: Loans will be interest-free for the loan term (1 year). The Interest rate will be 12% per annum on the unpaid balance thereafter, until the loan balance is repaid in full. Loan default is subject to a normal commercial collection process.
- Application period: Applications will be accepted through May 8, 2020, contingent on the availability of funds.
- Links: [SBDC small business resources](#)

- Other resources:
 - Disaster loan application consultants:
 - Florida SBDC at Hillsborough County business consultants are available to assist small businesses prepare disaster loan applications and with other post-disaster challenges at no-cost.
 - Links: [SBDC at Hillsborough County](#)
 - Reemployment Assistance:
 - Links: [Florida Department of Economic Opportunity](#)

FLORIDA:

- Florida Bridge Loan Program:
 - Eligibility: Applications will be accepted by qualified for-profit, privately held small businesses that maintain a place of business in the state of Florida. All qualified applicants must have been established prior to March 9, 2020, and suffered economic injury as a result of the designated disaster. Qualified small business applicants must be an employer business with 2 to 100 employees.
 - Amount: Up to \$50,000 per eligible small business. Loans of up to \$100,000 may be made in special cases as warranted by the need of the eligible small business.
 - Term: 1 year.

KANSAS:

- Kansas Hospitality Industry Relief Emergency (HIRE) Fund:
 - Eligibility: Restaurants, bars, lodging facilities, conference centers, event centers with less than 100 employees; other businesses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
 - Amount: Eligible businesses in Kansas will be able to apply for a one-time loan of up to \$20,000.
 - Term: 36 months.
 - Interest rate: 0% interest for a period of 36 months; there will be no principal or interest payments for the first four months.

- Specific use of funds: Commercial loan payments, commercial lease payments, utility bills, payroll, accounts payable, inventory.
- Application period: Decisions on loan applications will be made within 72 hours of application receipt, 7 days a week. Funds will be transferred within 48 hours of approval.
- Links: [Kansas Hospitality Industry Relief Emergency Fund](#)
- Other resources:
 - Kansas Department of Labor resources:
 - Links: [Kansas Department of Labor COVID-19 Response Resources](#), [Kansas Department of Labor Fact Sheet](#), [Kansas Department of Labor unemployment benefits application](#)

MAINE:

- Refer to federal programs.
- Other resources:
 - Maine Department of Economic and Community Development:
 - Links: [Maine Department of Economic and Community Development](#)

MASSACHUSETTS:

- Massachusetts Small Business Tax Relief:
 - Tax relief includes postponing the collection of regular sales tax, meals tax, and room occupancy taxes that would be due in March, April and May so that they will instead be due on June 20. Additionally, all penalties and interest that would otherwise apply will be waived.
 - Businesses that paid less than \$150,000 in regular sales plus meals taxes in the year ending February 29, 2020 will be eligible for relief for sales and meals taxes, and business that paid less than \$150,000 in room occupancy taxes in the year ending February 29, 2020 will

be eligible for relief with respect to room occupancy taxes.

- Links: [Massachusetts Administrative Tax Relief Measures](#)
- [Boston Small Business Relief Fund](#)
- The City of Newton has established the Newton COVID-19 [Small Business Recovery Grant Program](#) to aid in the stabilization of existing small brick and mortar businesses within the City of Newton that have had significant business disruption due to the impact of COVID-19.
- Other resources:
 - MEMA's private sector hotline: 508-820-2094; the hotline will be staffed Monday – Friday from 8am to 4pm.
 - Massachusetts business resources and guidance:
 - Links: [Mass.gov COVID-19 resources and guidance for businesses](#)
 - [Black Business Relief Fund](#) Offers relief for small businesses that are already feeling significant pressure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BECMA, in partnership with the Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce and powered by Berkshire Bank, is announcing The Futures Fund to help stabilize existing Black-owned businesses across the Commonwealth. This resource can be used in conjunction with SBA products.

MISSISSIPPI:

Refer to federal programs.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

- Refer to federal programs.
- Other resources:
 - New Hampshire COVID-19 business resources:
 - Links: [NH COVID-19 resources](#)

PENNSYLVANIA:

- Refer to federal programs.
- Accelerated sales tax penalty waiver:
 - To assist the business community as the commonwealth responds to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Department of Revenue is waiving penalties for businesses that are required to make Accelerated Sales Tax (AST) prepayments by the deadline of Friday, March 20.
 - Additionally, for April sales tax payments, the department is waiving the AST prepayment requirement and asking businesses to simply remit the sales tax that they have collected in March.
 - Links: Pennsylvania Department of Revenue

RHODE ISLAND:

- Refer to federal programs.
- Other resources:
 - Microsoft will provide MS Office at no cost to Rhode Island businesses for the next six months. This includes telecommunications and web-based resources for those with employees who are working remotely. [Link here.](#)

WISCONSIN:

- Wisconsin Small Business 20/20 Program:
 - Eligibility: Wisconsin community development financial institutions (CDFIs) with a minimum organizational loan portfolio of at least \$4 million, or a collaborative of CDFIs with a combined organizational loan portfolio of at least \$4 million. Approved CDFIs and collaboratives will make SB20/20 grants available to current loan

recipients in good standing with the CDFI as of 3/1/2020. Preference will be given to service and retail businesses. SB20/20 hopes to provide support for the “smallest of the small” businesses impacted by this emergency. The grants will be deployed by partnering with the state’s 23 community development financial institutions (“CDFIs”), which have pre-existing relationships with many of the impacted small businesses. A list of these CDFIs is available on-line. CDFIs are specialized community based financial institutions with a primary mission to promote economic development to communities and people underserved by traditional financial institutions.

- Amount: SB20/20 will provide grants of up to \$20,000 to targeted small businesses, of no more than 20 employees and less than \$2 million in annual revenue.
- Term: None - grants
- Interest rate: None - grants
- Specific use of funds: To cover 2 months’ worth of rent and payroll expenses, including paid COVID-19 leave.
- Links: [Small Business 20/20 Program overview](#)

OTHER UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT RESOURCES BY STATE:

- [Massachusetts](#)
- [Rhode Island](#)
- [New Hampshire](#)
- [Vermont](#)
- [Connecticut](#)
- [Pennsylvania](#)
- [New York](#)
- [Maryland](#)
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