

# **COVID-19 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

## **PAYCHECK PROTECTION PLAN (FIRST DRAW LOANS)**

SBA is reopening the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for First Draw Loans the week of January 11, 2021. First Draw PPP Loans can be used to help fund payroll costs, including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay for mortgage interest, rent, utilities, worker protection costs related to COVID-19, uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or vandalism during 2020, and certain supplier costs and expenses for operations.

**Full Forgiveness Terms:** First Draw PPP Loans made to eligible borrowers qualify for full loan forgiveness if during the 8- to 24-week covered period following loan disbursement:

- Employee and compensation levels are maintained;
- The loan proceeds are spent on payroll costs and other eligible expenses; and
- At least 60 percent of the proceeds are spent on payroll costs.

**Who Can Apply:** Eligible small entities, that together with their affiliates (if applicable), have 500 or fewer employees—including nonprofits, veterans organizations, tribal concerns, self-employed individuals, sole proprietorships, and independent contractors—can apply. Entities with more than 500 employees in certain industries that meet SBA’s alternative size standard or SBA’s size standards for those particular industries can also apply.

**Reapplying and Loan Increases:** Existing PPP borrowers that did not receive loan forgiveness by December 27, 2020 may: (1) reapply for a First Draw PPP Loan if they previously returned some or all of their First Draw PPP Loan funds, or (2) under certain circumstances, request to modify their First Draw PPP Loan amount if they previously did not accept the full amount for which they are eligible.

**How and When to Apply:** Borrowers can apply for a First Draw PPP Loan until March 31, 2021, through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, eligible non-bank lender, or Farm Credit System institution that is participating in PPP. All new First Draw PPP Loans will have the same terms regardless of lender or borrower.

**Ensuring Access for All:** SBA continues to call upon its lending partners, including Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs), to redouble their efforts to assist eligible borrowers in underserved and disadvantaged communities. At least \$15 billion is being set aside for First Draw PPP loans to eligible borrowers with a maximum of 10 employees or for loans of \$250,000 or less to eligible borrowers in low- or moderate-income neighborhoods. To promote access for smaller lenders and their customers, SBA will initially only accept loan applications from

community financial institutions starting on January 11, 2021. The PPP will open to all participating lenders shortly thereafter.

More information is available at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

## **PAYCHECK PROTECTION PLAN (SECOND DRAW LOANS)**

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) now allows certain eligible borrowers that previously received a PPP loan to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan with the same general loan terms as their First Draw PPP Loan. Second Draw PPP Loans can be used to help fund payroll costs, including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay for mortgage interest, rent, utilities, worker protection costs related to COVID-19, uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or vandalism during 2020, and certain supplier costs and expenses for operations.

**Full Forgiveness Terms:** Second Draw PPP Loans made to eligible borrowers qualify for full loan forgiveness if during the 8- to 24-week covered period following loan disbursement:

- Employee and compensation levels are maintained in the same manner as required for the First Draw PPP loan;
- The loan proceeds are spent on payroll costs and other eligible expenses; and
- At least 60 percent of the proceeds are spent on payroll costs.

**Targeted Eligibility:** A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP Loan if the borrower:

- Previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses;
- Has no more than 300 employees; and
- Can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020.

**Maximum Loan Amount and Increased Assistance for Accommodation and Food Services Businesses:** For most borrowers, the maximum loan amount of a Second Draw PPP Loan is 2.5x average monthly 2019 or 2020 payroll costs up to \$2 million. For borrowers in the Accommodation and Food Services sector, the maximum loan amount for a Second Draw PPP Loan is 3.5x average monthly 2019 or 2020 payroll costs up to \$2 million.

**How and When to Apply:** Borrowers can apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan until March 31, 2021, through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, eligible non-bank lender, or Farm Credit System institution that is participating in PPP. All Second Draw PPP Loans will have the same terms regardless of lender or borrower.

**Ensuring Access for All:** SBA continues to call upon its lending partners, including Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs), to redouble their efforts to assist eligible borrowers in underserved and disadvantaged communities. At least \$25 billion is being set aside for Second Draw PPP Loans to eligible borrowers with a maximum of 10 employees or for loans of \$250,000 or less to eligible borrowers in low- or moderate-income neighborhoods. To promote access for smaller lenders and their customers, SBA will initially only accept Second Draw PPP Loan applications from community financial institutions starting on January 13, 2021. The PPP will open to all participating lenders for Second Draw PPP Loans shortly thereafter.

More information is available at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

### **NY FORWARD LOAN FUND (NYFLF)**

- NYFLF is an economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits and small residential landlords survive the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Effective immediately, small businesses and non-profits that received a PPP loan of \$500,000 or less or EIDL loans of \$150,000 or less can be eligible for a NYFLF loan.
- An Eligible Small Business must:
  - Employ \*50\* or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees
  - Have gross revenues of less than \*\$5 million\* per year
  - Must not have received a U.S. Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program of greater than \$500,000 or an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for COVID-19 of greater than \$150,000
  - Have suffered a direct economic hardship as a result of COVID-19 related social distancing policies and stay-at-home order that have materially impacts their operations
  - Been in business for at least 1 year as of the date of the application
  - Be located in the State of New York
- More information is available online at <https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/new-york-forward-loan-fund/>

### **LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD COVID-19 PROGRAM**

- The Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board is offering low interest loan for businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Eligible uses of funds include working capital, equipment purchase and facility upgrades related to COVID-19. Loans are available from \$25,000-\$150,000 with a fixed rate of 1.9% interest rate. The first 12 months are interest-only and loan term can be up to 84 months. There is no application fee to apply.
- For more information visit <https://lclgrpb.org/revolving-loan-fund/>

## **AEDC DISASTER MICROLOAN FUND**

- AEDC is offering 5% fixed loans for all micro and small businesses. Deferred principle and interest for up to 6 months then regular principle and interest due monthly. Loans in the amount of \$5,000 (higher loan amounts requested may require more extensive underwriting considerations).
- For more information email Steve Garneau, [sgarneau@aedconline.com](mailto:sgarneau@aedconline.com)

## **“RAISING THE BAR” RESTAURANT RECOVERY FUND**

- Grant funding can be used for COVID-19-related improvements and equipment that will allow the business to comply with social distancing guidelines, expand take-out/delivery operations, or accommodate outdoor dining such as plexiglass barriers/partitions, signage promoting social distancing and hygiene protocols, heaters, heat lamps, weatherization upgrades and insulated delivery bags; improvements that will allow the business to continue operating through the winter months such as filtration system upgrades and food heaters to maintain temperature for to-go orders and purchasing PPE and sanitation supplies necessitated by the pandemic; and COVID-19 related business improvements like patio heaters or contactless technology.
- Qualifying purchases and expenditures must be from September 1, 2020 onwards to be eligible. Initial round of grants are up to \$5,000.
- Eligible businesses consist of New York State restaurants that have no more than \$3 million in 2019 revenue and are engaged in providing food services and meals prepared on-premises to patrons who traditionally order and are served while seated, including certain on-premises food and drinking establishments licensed through the State Liquor Authority (SLA) and which need funding to adjust to COVID-related impacts and protocols. Establishments providing take out or grab and go food services due to COVID-19 restrictions are also eligible to receive the grant
- Applications will begin to be accepted on Jan. 11, 2021.
- For more information visit <https://esd.ny.gov/raising-bar-restaurant-recovery-fund>

## **THE BARSTOOL FUND**

- Eligible small businesses: in need of help due to the impacts of COVID. Small business owners must still be paying their employees and explain what the funds would be used for, such as paying bills or employees.
- To apply visit <https://barstool.typeform.com/to/fbCSK7GZ>

**NOTE: additional assistance is available by contacting the Small Business Development Center at 518-324-7232 or visiting their website at [www.nysbdc.org](http://www.nysbdc.org). SBDC provides expert management and technical assistance to start-up and existing businesses.**