



A message from District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF):

Coronavirus Small Business Resources:

Health and government officials are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Small businesses are encouraged to do their part to keep their employees, customers, and themselves healthy.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources

Our nation's small businesses are facing an unprecedented economic disruption due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. On Friday, March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the CARES Act, which contains \$376 billion in relief for American workers and small businesses. To review The Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act, visit

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business>.

For more information on funding options, visit <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>.

SBA Assistance for Small Businesses

The SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will provide targeted, low-income loans to DC small businesses that have been severely impacted by COVID-19. The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to help qualified small business and private nonprofit organizations overcome the temporary loss of revenue as a result of COVID-19 virus outbreak. These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/SBAdisasterloans>.

Become a Certified Business Enterprise (CBE)

By becoming a CBE, you will receive preference in procurement opportunities offered by the District of Columbia. The CBE program helps position your business to better compete in DC government contracting opportunities. To learn more about how to become a CBE, visit

<https://dslbd.dc.gov/getcertified>.