

# PPP FACT SHEET FOR BUSINESSES

## *What you need to know about the Paycheck Protection Program*

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is a law meant to address the economic fallout of the 2020 coronavirus pandemic in the United States. The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was enacted under the CARES Act to help small businesses cover their near-term operating expenses during the COVID-19 crisis and provide a strong incentive for employers to retain their employees. This is a new \$349-billion Small Business Administration (SBA) lending program.

### WHAT IS PPP?

These are loans which may be forgiven under certain conditions with a 100% government guarantee. Preliminary guidelines have been released by the US Treasury specifically for businesses.

### WHO CAN APPLY FOR PPP?

Eligible organizations include small businesses, 501(c)(3) nonprofits, tribal business concerns, and veterans organizations that:

- *Have no more than 500 employees or the applicable industry size standard as provided by the SBA or*
- *Are NAICS 72 (lodging and hospitality, food and beverage retailing and catering services) with no more than 500 employees at a location or*
- *Are franchisees operating under an SBA assigned franchise identifier code or*
- *Are sole proprietors, self-employed and independent contractors*

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR PPP?

Apply through the banks and other lenders. Businesses can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, or Farm Credit System institution that is participating. Other lenders will join and enroll in the SBA program.

### WHERE DO I FIND A PPP LENDER?

You should consult with your local lender or visit [sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov).

### WHAT IS THE COVERED LOAN PERIOD?

The covered loan period is through June 30, 2020. APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE given the loan cap.

- *Starting April 3, 2020, small businesses and sole proprietorships can apply for and receive loans to cover their payroll and certain other expenses through existing SBA lenders.*
- *Starting April 10, 2020, independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply for and receive loans to cover their payroll and certain other expenses through existing SBA lenders.*

### WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL HELP?

There are a TON of resources and information out right now specifically to help businesses and employees make it through our current crisis. Visit [www.harfordcountymd.gov/2816/Business-Resources-for-COVID-19](https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/2816/Business-Resources-for-COVID-19) for Harford County's resource page, and [govstatus.egov.com/md-coronavirus-business](https://govstatus.egov.com/md-coronavirus-business) for Maryland's comprehensive resource page and business response.

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