



SBA Clarifies Eligibility of Faith-Based Organizations to Participate in Paycheck Protection and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Programs

SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced that SBA issued guidance clarifying that all faith-based organizations impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19) are eligible to participate in the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, without restrictions based on their religious identity or activities, to the extent they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the CARES Act that was passed by Congress, signed into law by President Trump, and implemented by the Paycheck Protection Act Interim Final Rule.

“Following the passage of the emergency economic relief assistance, the Administration and Congress acted to ensure that small businesses and non-profits alike have access to critical funds to keep their workers paid and employed,” said Carranza. “Faith-based organizations have always provided critical social services for people in need, and SBA will make clear that these organizations may access this emergency capital.”



[Read the full press release \[lnks.gd\]](#)



Beware of Scams and Fraud Schemes

The Office of Inspector General recognizes that we are facing unprecedented times and is alerting the public about potential fraud schemes related to economic stimulus programs offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration in response to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the largest financial assistance bill to date, includes provisions to help small businesses. Fraudsters have already begun targeting small business owners during these economically difficult times. **Be on the lookout for grant fraud, loan fraud, and phishing.**

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Job Announcements

The SBA is hiring temporary employees to assist with disaster relief efforts during these unprecedented times. The positions include:

- Call Center Customer Service Representative
- Document Preparation/Legal Review/Loan Closings
- Loan Processing/Credit Analysis/Mortgage Underwriting
- Program Support

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Federal Coronavirus Resources

State, local, and federal agencies are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Check out [coronavirus.gov \[lnks.gd\]](#) for updates from the White House's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force. Go to [cdc.gov \[lnks.gd\]](#) for detailed information about COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

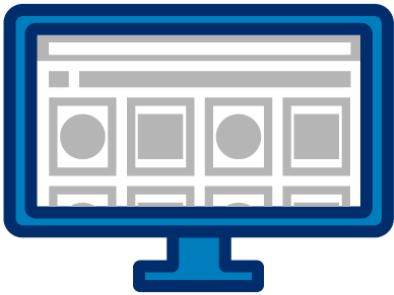
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Virtual Mentoring and Training

Offices around the country may be closed to the Coronavirus pandemic, but SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, and Veterans Business Outreach Centers and other resource partners are providing free business mentoring and training by phone, email, and video.

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SBA District and Regional Office Webinars on Disaster Assistance

SBA district and regional offices are offering webinars about Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

These webinars explain SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program and how you can apply for disaster assistance.

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