

SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF IN THE STATES

CALIFORNIA

State Administration Actions

Office Of The Governor Of California

On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom Declared A State Of Emergency To Make Additional Resources Available In Response To The COVID-19 Outbreak. “As part of the state’s response to address the global COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Gavin Newsom today declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19. The proclamation comes as the number of positive California cases rises and following one official COVID-19 death. Today’s proclamation builds on work already underway by the California Department of Public Health, California Health and Human Services Agency, Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and other agencies which have been on the front lines of the state’s response to COVID-19 since January. ‘The State of California is deploying every level of government to help identify cases and slow the spread of this coronavirus,’ said Governor Newsom. ‘This emergency proclamation will help the state further prepare our communities and our health care system in the event it spreads more broadly.’ The emergency proclamation includes provisions that protect consumers against price gouging, allow for health care workers to come from out of state to assist at health care facilities, and give health care facilities the flexibility to plan and adapt to accommodate incoming patients.” (Office Of Governor Gavin Newsom, “Governor Newsom Declares State Of Emergency To Help State Prepare For Broader Spread Of Covid-19,” [Press Release](#), 3/4/20)

On March 12, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom Issued An Executive Order That Enhanced The State’s Ability To Respond To COVID-19, Including Delaying State Tax Filing By 60 Days For Individuals And Businesses Unable To File On Time Based On Compliance With Public Health Requirements. “Governor Gavin Newsom today issued a new executive order further enhancing California’s ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor’s order: Waives the one-week waiting period for people who are unemployed and/or disabled as a result of COVID-19; Delays the deadline for state tax filing by 60 days for individuals and businesses unable to file on time based on compliance with public health requirements related to COVID-19 filings; ...” (Office Of Governor Gavin Newsom, “Governor Newsom Issues New Executive Order Further Enhancing State And Local Government’s Ability To Respond To COVID-19 Pandemic,” [Press Release](#), 3/12/20)

California State Treasurer

On March 17, 2020, California State Treasurer Fiona Ma Launched A Resource List For Small Business Owners Affected By COVID-19 Containing Information On Grants And Loans, Tax Deadline Extensions, Guidance On How To Protect Workers, And Private Sector Resources. “California State Treasurer Fiona Ma today announced she has launched a resource list for small business owners affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The list is located here <http://bit.ly/stosmallbizlist>. It includes resources from the federal, state, and local governments, nonprofits, and the private sector. The list contains information on grants and loans, tax deadline extensions, guidance on how to protect workers, and even private sector grants such as the \$100 million Facebook program for cash grants and ad credits. ‘As a former small business owner I know how difficult it is to sort out all the programs, loans, grants, and information that are critical to your success,’ said Treasurer Ma. ‘With small businesses facing tough times, access to relevant information is even more critical.’” (California State Treasurer, “Treasurer Fiona Ma Offers Resources To Small Businesses Affected By COVID-19,” [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)

Available State Resources

Office Of Business And Economic Development

According To The Governor’s Office Of Business And Economic Development, The Office Of The Small Business Advocate Is Offering Consulting, Training, And Access To Capital. “Resources for small businesses are available through the Office of the Small Business Advocate. OSBA has a network of small business centers throughout the state to offer consulting and training and access to capital.” (“Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19),” [CA Governor’s Office Of Business And Economic Development](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

California Infrastructure And Economic Development Bank

California’s Infrastructure And Economic Development Bank (IBank) Is Offering Small Businesses Loan Programs For Businesses From One To 750 Employees. “California also offers small business loan programs to support small businesses: IBank offers loan programs for businesses affected by disasters in California. IBank, a unit within California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), offers the following loan programs for businesses from one to 750 employees (small businesses)...” (“Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19),” [CA Governor’s Office Of Business And Economic Development](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

- **The Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program Will Issue Loan Guarantees Up To 95 Percent Of The Loan To Help Small Business Borrowers Who Are Impacted By Disasters Or Public Safety Power Shut Offs, And Who Need Term Loans Or Lines Of Credit.** “DISASTER RELIEF LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM (DRLGP) ... IBank will issue loan guarantees up to 95 percent of the loan through its partner Financial Development Corporations to help small business borrowers who were impacted by disasters or public safety power shutoffs and who need term loans or lines of credit for working capital. Small businesses, including small farms, nurseries, agriculture-related enterprises and nonprofits that have suffered an economic loss Resources for Businesses and/or physical damage may apply. This disaster program will help lenders and small businesses by providing loan guarantees of up to \$1 million for small business borrowers in declared disaster areas.” (“Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19),” [CA Governor’s Office Of Business And Economic Development](#), Accessed 3/18/20)
- **The Jump Start Loan Program Offers Loans From \$500 To \$10,000 To Low-Wealth Entrepreneurs In The Declared Disaster And Emergency Areas.** “JUMP START LOAN PROGRAM ... IBank is offering loans from \$500 to \$10,000 to low-wealth entrepreneurs in the declared disaster and emergency areas through its Jump Start Loan Program. IBank established the Jump Start Loan Program in 2016 as a small loan and financial literacy/technical assistance program designed for low-income small businesses in low-wealth communities, including businesses owned by women, minorities, veterans, people with disabilities and those previously incarcerated. Access to IBank’s Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program and Jump Start Loan Program can be made through its partner Financial Development Corporations (FDCs)” (“Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19),” [CA Governor’s Office Of Business And Economic Development](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

Federal Actions Specific To State

Small Business Administration

On March 16, 2020, The U.S. Small Business Administration Announced It Would Be Offering Low-Interest Loans For Working Capital To California Small Businesses “Suffering Substantial Economic Injury As A Result Of The Coronavirus (COVID-19)...” “The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to California small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its

own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Gavin Newsom’s designated representative, Director Mark S. Ghilarducci of the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services on March 13, 2020. ... ‘SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist California small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19),’ said Administrator Carranza.” (U.S. Small Business Administration, “CA 16332 -01 SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to California Small Businesses Economically Impacted By The Coronavirus (COVID-19),” [Press Release](#), 3/16/20)

SBA Assistance Will Be Available In The Following 35 Counties In California:

Alameda	Alpine	Amador	Calaveras
Contra Costa	El Dorado	Imperial	Kern
Lake	Los Angeles	Madera	Marin
Mariposa	Mendocino	Merced	Mono
Napa	Orange	Placer	Riverside
Sacramento	San Bernardino	San Diego	San Francisco
San Joaquin	San Mateo	Santa Clara	Santa Cruz
Solano	Sonoma	Stanislaus	Sutter
Tuolumne	Ventura	Yolo	

(U.S. Small Business Administration, “CA 16332 -01 SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to California Small Businesses Economically Impacted By The Coronavirus (COVID-19),” [Press Release](#), 3/16/20)

On March 19, 2020, The SBA Made The Federal Disaster Loans Available To Small Businesses In All California Counties, As Well As Neighboring Counties In Arizona, Nevada, And Oregon. “The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to all California small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA disaster assistance is now available to all counties within the state of California and the neighboring counties below. Neighboring Arizona counties: La Paz, Mohave and Yuma; Neighboring Nevada counties: Clark, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral, Nye and Washoe; Neighboring Oregon counties: Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake ‘SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist California small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19),’ said Administrator Carranza.” (U.S. Small Business Administration, “CA 16332 -02 SBA Amends Disaster Declaration: Disaster Assistance Now Available To All California Small Businesses Economically Impacted By The Coronavirus (COVID-19),” [Press Release](#), 3/19/20)

ILLINOIS

State Administration Actions

Office Of The Governor Of Illinois

On March 9, 2020, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker Issued A Disaster Proclamation In Response To COVID-19 Which Unlocked Additional Federal Resources And Will Help The State Prepare For The Potential Further Spread. “Building on the state's robust and coordinated response to COVID-19, Governor JB Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation today to

unlock additional federal resources and help the state prepare for the potential of further spread. Issuing a disaster proclamation is the method of declaring a state of emergency in the state of Illinois, which 13 states across the United States have entered into. ... The proclamation formalizes emergency procedures already underway across state government by activating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), physically bringing together decision-makers from every state agency and the state's highly qualified mutual aid network to deploy resources as necessary during this public health threat. State and local partners benefit from a disaster proclamation in the following ways: • Allows federal reimbursement for state response costs • Allows use of State Disaster Relief Fund, covering direct state costs and reimbursements to Illinois National Guard and mutual aid groups • Allows use of the state's mutual aid network, groups of public safety response professionals — including hundreds of health care providers and management professionals, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians and disaster response professionals — that are available to deploy to areas of shortage • Authorizes the Governor to activate Illinois National Guard reservists, some of whom may be doctors and nurses • Allows expedited procurement should it be necessary • Authorizes additional executive authorities to protect public health and safety.” (Office Of The Governor, “Gov. Pritzker Issues Disaster Proclamation To Build On State’s COVID-19 Response, Unlock Additional Federal Resources,” [Press Release](#), 3/9/20)

On March 17, 2020, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker Announced That His Administration Will File For Statewide Eligibility For Disaster Assistance Loans From The U.S. Small Business Administration. “In another effort to provide economic assistance to Illinoisans facing unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19, Governor JB Pritzker announced that his administration will file for statewide eligibility in a federal loan program for small businesses facing financial hardship. ‘I have directed my administration to do everything in our power to support our working families, and we are also working expeditiously to mitigate the challenges small businesses are facing,’ said Governor JB Pritzker. ‘My Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has secured the necessary documentation to declare a statewide Economic Injury Declaration with the U.S. Small Business Association. The SBA is offering coronavirus disaster assistance loans to help impacted companies get through this period of instability, and this will ensure that all of our counties qualify for assistance.’ ‘Many businesses are struggling due to the spread of COVID-19 across the state, with small businesses feeling the impact sharply,’ said Erin Guthrie, Director of DCEO. ‘These loans from SBA are among the many tools the administration is pursuing to provide relief for businesses in the near and long term.’ The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has contacted and received responses from over 3,000 businesses in every corner of the state in order to file with the U.S. Small Business Administration.” (Office Of The Governor, “Gov. Pritzker To File For Statewide Eligibility For Small Business Administration Loans,” [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)

Available State Resources

Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity

Illinois’ Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Has Made Available Its Staff And Small Business Development Centers Across The State To Assist Businesses With Accessing Available Support. “Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Information for Small Business ... DCEO is working diligently to secure access to helpful resources for small businesses throughout the State of Illinois and has compiled these helpful links regarding COVID 19 resources for small businesses. Our staff and the Small Business Development Centers across the state will be available to assist businesses with accessing available supports for those impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.” (“Small Business Assistance,” [Illinois Department Of Commerce & Economic Opportunity](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

Federal Actions Specific To State

NOTE: See above announcement by Gov. Pritzker on SBA loan eligibility.

MICHIGAN

State Administration Actions

Office Of The Governor Of Michigan

On March 10, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer Declared A State Of Emergency Following Two Michigan Residents Testing Presumptive Positive For COVID-19. “Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Oakland County Health Division and Wayne County Health Department announced today that two Michigan residents tested presumptive positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the first confirmed cases in the state. The governor has declared a state of emergency to maximize efforts and assist local governments and officials to slow the spread of the virus. ‘We are taking every step we can to mitigate the spread of the virus and keep Michiganders safe,’ said Governor Whitmer. ‘I have declared a state of emergency to harness all of our resources across state government to slow the spread of the virus and protect families. It’s crucial that all Michiganders continue to take preventative measures to lower their risk, and to share this information with their friends, family, and co-workers.’” (The Office Of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, “Michigan Announces First Presumptive Positive Cases Of COVID-19,” Press Release, 3/10/20)

On March 17, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer Formally Requested The U.S. Small Business Administration To Issue An Economic Injury Disaster Declaration For The State, Which Will Allow The SBA’s Low Interest Disaster Loans To Be Made Available. “Following through on her commitment to find solutions to support small businesses across Michigan impacted by COVID-19, Governor Gretchen Whitmer today formally requested the U.S. Small Business Administration to issue an Economic Injury Disaster declaration for the state. ‘I understand that small businesses across our state are facing unprecedented challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic,’ said Governor Whitmer. ‘I requested this disaster declaration from SBA as a critical step to ensure every possible resource is made available to businesses, communities, entrepreneurs and others around the state.’ ‘This request and supporting application is the result of the hard work and collaboration of the Michigan Small Business Development Center and partners around the state pulling together and demonstrating our state’s resilience in working to overcome the temporary loss of revenue businesses are experiencing as a result of coronavirus,’ said Mark Burton, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. ‘We appreciate their significant efforts and will continue to leverage every resource possible to support our businesses, and the livelihoods they provide, throughout Michigan.’ Earlier this month, Congress passed legislation that makes \$1 billion available to the SBA to provide low-interest loans to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and nonprofits that have suffered substantial economic losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Once granted, an SBA Economic Injury Disaster declaration will make disaster loans of up to \$2 million available to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.” (The Office Of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, “Governor Whitmer Working To Deliver Solutions For Small Business Impacted By COVID-19,” [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)

Available State Resources

Michigan Economic Development Corporation

On March 17, 2020, The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Announced That It Joined Forces State’s Small Business Entrepreneurial Support Organizations To Ensure Economic Support Is Available To Businesses Affected By COVID-19. “The state of Michigan’s small business entrepreneurial support organizations have joined forces with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to ensure economic support is available to Michigan businesses to overcome anticipated loss of revenue as a result of the COVID-19 virus, the organizations announced today. ‘Small businesses drive the economies of our communities,

and we understand that they are facing unprecedented challenges. We are committed to providing vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing,' said MEDC CEO Mark Burton. 'We are working with small business organizations and partners around the state to ensure that every possible resource is made available to businesses, communities, entrepreneurs and others around the state, and we will continue to provide updates as soon as they're available.'" (Michigan Economic Development Corporation, "MEDC, State's Small Business Support Organizations Join Forces To Develop Resources For Michigan's Small Businesses Impacted By COVID-19," [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)

- **“MEDC Is Also Encouraging Businesses And Communities Throughout The State To Learn More About Its Wide Range Of Tools Aimed At Assisting Michigan’s Small- And Medium-Sized Businesses. In Particular, The MEDC Access To Capital Programs Can Provide Greater Availability Of Working Capital During Times Of Growth, Change Or Economic Uncertainty.”** (Michigan Economic Development Corporation, "MEDC, State's Small Business Support Organizations Join Forces To Develop Resources For Michigan's Small Businesses Impacted By COVID-19," [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)
- **MEDC Will Also Be Evaluating Virtual Matchmaking And Other Enhancement Programs.** "To support businesses and communities during this unprecedented time, the organization will also be evaluating virtual matchmaking and other enhancements to programs such as its International Trade, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Pure Michigan Business Connect, PlanetM and Match on Main Street programs." (Michigan Economic Development Corporation, "MEDC, State's Small Business Support Organizations Join Forces To Develop Resources For Michigan's Small Businesses Impacted By COVID-19," [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)

Michigan Small Business Development Center

The Michigan Small Business Development Center Has A Page On Its Website That Serves As A Resource, With Webinars, Q&A, And Instructions On How To Apply For The SBA Economic Injury Disaster Relief Loan Once The State Becomes Eligible.

("Supporting Your Small Business During COVID-19," [Michigan Small Business Development Center](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

Federal Actions Specific To State

On March 19, 2020, The U.S. Small Business Administration Made Available Low-Interest Federal Disaster Loans For Working Capital To Small Businesses In The Entire State Of Michigan, As Well As Neighboring Counties In Indiana, Ohio, And Wisconsin.

"The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Michigan small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on March 17, 2020. The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of Michigan; and the contiguous counties of Elkhart, La Porte, Lagrange, St Joseph and Steuben in Indiana; Fulton, Lucas and Williams in Ohio; and Florence, Forest, Iron, Marinette and Vilas in Wisconsin. 'SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist Michigan small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19),' said Administrator Carranza." (U.S. Small Business Administration, "MI 16356 - SBA Offers Disaster Assistance To Michigan Small Businesses Economically Impacted By The Coronavirus (COVID-19)," [Press Release](#), 3/19/20)

NEW YORK

State Administration Actions

Office Of The Governor Of New York

On March 7, 2020, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo Declared A State Of Emergency To Help New York More Quickly And Effectively Contain The Spread Of The Coronavirus.

“During a briefing on the novel coronavirus, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today declared a state of emergency to help New York more quickly and effectively contain the spread of the virus. The Governor also confirmed 32 additional cases, bringing the statewide total to 76. ... ‘As we continue to provide essential updates and encourage people to act upon the facts on coronavirus instead of the hype, I have officially done a declaration of emergency which gives us certain powers to help local health departments that are very stressed,’ Governor Cuomo said. ‘As the local health departments continue to monitor and quarantine people, we have a more expedited purchasing protocol to get them all the tools they need to contain the virus spread. In the meantime we are cracking down on price gouging which continues to be a problem, and I want businesses to be aware that you could lose your license because we are very serious about this.’” (Office Of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, “At Novel Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Declares State Of Emergency To Contain Spread Of Virus,” [Press Release](#), 3/7/20)

On March 11, 2020, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo “Announced A New Cooperative Effort With New York Business Leaders To Voluntarily Implement Different Work Shifts And Telecommuting In An Effort To Reduce Density.”

(Office Of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, “During Novel Coronavirus Briefing, Governor Cuomo Announces New York State Will Contract With 28 Private Labs To Increase Coronavirus Testing Capacity,” [Press Release](#), 3/11/20)

Available State Resources

New York Small Business Development Center

The New York Small Business Development Center Has A Page On Its Website That Serves As A Resource, With CDC Guidelines, Travel Notices, And Links To Other State And Federal Assistance Sites.

(“COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Interim Guidance for Small Business,” [New York Small Business Development Center](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

Empire State Development

An FAQ On The State’s Economic Development Website Makes Businesses Aware Of The SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans And Say More Information Will Be Made Available “As Soon As The Application Is Live.”

“Q: Will New York State offer financial support to businesses negatively impacted by coronavirus? A: NYS is currently assessing options to mitigate hardships to NYS businesses. The federal government will allow the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue Economic Injury Disaster Loans for businesses impacted by the coronavirus. These loans would allow businesses in certain areas to apply for low-interest loans from the SBA. The SBA has resources and information on its website:

<https://www.sba.gov/page/guidance-businesses-employers-plan-respond-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> This information will be updated as soon as the application is live.” (“Novel Coronavirus FAQ For Businesses,” [Empire State Development](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

Federal Actions Specific To State

On March 19, 2020, The U.S. Small Business Administration Made Available Low-Interest Federal Disaster Loans For Working Capital To Small Businesses In The Entire State Of New York, As Well As Neighboring Counties In Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, And Vermont.

“The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to New York small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita

Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo on March 17, 2020. The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of New York; and the contiguous counties of Fairfield and Litchfield in Connecticut; Berkshire in Massachusetts; Bergen, Hudson, Passaic and Sussex in New Jersey; Bradford, Erie, McKean, Pike, Potter, Susquehanna, Tioga, Warren and Wayne in Pennsylvania; and Addison, Bennington, Chittendon, Grand Isle and Rutland in Vermont. ‘SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist New York small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19),’ said Administrator Carranza.” (U.S. Small Business Administration, “NY 16346 - SBA Offers Disaster Assistance To New York Small Businesses Economically Impacted By The Coronavirus (COVID-19),” [Press Release](#), 3/19/20)

OHIO

State Administration Actions

Office Of The Governor Of Ohio

On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Declared A State Of Emergency In Response To Three Ohioans Testing Positive For COVID-19. “Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today took a number of actions in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). He signed Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. The state of emergency allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response. In addition, Governor DeWine partially activated the state Emergency Operations Center at 1:00 p.m. today. Also, Governor DeWine, joined by Ohio Department of Health Amy Acton M.D., MPH today announced that three Ohioans tested positive for COVID-19. These are the first cases in Ohio. The three individuals live in Cuyahoga County and have had known contact with those with confirmed diagnoses of COVID-19. Each of the individuals is in their 50s.” (Office Of Governor Mike DeWine, “Governor DeWine Signs Emergency Order Regarding Coronavirus Response,” [Press Release](#), 3/9/20)

On March 18, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Sent An Application To The U.S. Small Business Administration To Qualify The State For The Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program “On Tuesday afternoon, Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted sent a letter and application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to qualify the State of Ohio for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. This federal program will enable small businesses and non-profits throughout the state impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 to apply for low-interest loans up to \$2 million in assistance that can provide vital economic support to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. ‘We understand the steps being taken to keep all Ohioans safe will have a significant impact on businesses across the state, which is why we are leaving no stone unturned to identify every possible way we can support them during this time,’ said Governor DeWine. ‘Ohioans are resilient. We will get us through this.’” (Office Of Governor Mike DeWine, “Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Submit Formal Request For Federal Assistance For Small Businesses,” [Press Release](#), 3/18/20)

- **“Once The State Is Qualified For The Program, Ohio Development Services Agency (Development) Will Work With The SBA To Notify Entities That The They Can Now Apply For Loans.”** (Office Of Governor Mike DeWine, “Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Submit Formal Request For Federal Assistance For Small Businesses,” [Press Release](#), 3/18/20)

Available State Resources

N/A

Federal Actions Specific To State

On March 19, 2020, The U.S. Small Business Administration Make Available Low-Interest Federal Disaster Loans For Working Capital To Small Businesses In The Entire State Of Ohio, As Well As Neighboring Counties In Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, And West Virginia.

“The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Ohio small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Mike DeWine on March 17, 2020. The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of Ohio; and the contiguous counties of Adams, Allen, De Kalb, Dearborn, Franklin, Jay, Randolph, Steuben, Union and Wayne in Indiana; Boone, Boyd, Bracken, Campbell, Greenup, Kenton, Lewis, Mason and Pendleton in Kentucky; Hillsdale, Lenawee and Monroe in Michigan; Beaver, Crawford, Erie, Lawrence and Mercer in Pennsylvania and Brooke, Cabell, Hancock, Jackson, Marshall, Mason, Ohio, Pleasants, Tyler, Wayne, Wetzel and Wood in West Virginia. ‘SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist Ohio small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19),’ said Administrator Carranza.” (U.S. Small Business Administration, “OH 16355 - SBA Offers Disaster Assistance To Ohio Small Businesses Economically Impacted By The Coronavirus (COVID-19),” [Press Release](#), 3/19/20)

TEXAS

State Administration Actions

Office Of The Governor Of Texas

On March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott Declared A State Of Disaster For The State Of Texas, Which Activated The State Emergency Management Plan And The State Operations Center To Enhance The State’s Planning And Response Capabilities.”

“Governor Greg Abbott today held a press conference at the State Capitol to update the public on the status of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Texas and what the state is doing to protect public health. The Governor also announced several new actions Texas is taking to mitigate the spread of the virus, including declaring a State of Disaster in all Texas counties. ... By declaring a State of Disaster, a number of actions are triggered by the Governor, including: Authorizing the use of all available and necessary state government resources to help manage this situation. Activating the state emergency management plan and the State Operations Center to enhance the state’s planning and response capabilities. Giving TDEM the ability to reassign & fully utilize appropriate personnel where they are needed most. Providing the immediate ability to move resources around the state, including resources obtained through the Strategic National Stockpile. Empowering the Office of the Texas Attorney General (OAG) to pursue cases of price-gouging and ensure that offenders are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.” (Office Of The Texas Governor, “Governor Abbott Holds Press Conference On Coronavirus, Declares State Of Disaster For All Texas Counties,” [Press Release](#), 3/13/20)

On March 17, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott Requested Designation From The U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Declaration In Order To Access The Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program For The Entire State Of Texas.

“Governor Greg Abbott today requested designation from the Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Declaration in order to access the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the entire state of Texas. If granted, the SBA would provide long-term, low-interest loans to qualifying businesses across the state. ‘At a time when small businesses are hurting from the economic impact of COVID-19, the State of Texas is committed to helping these businesses receive the financial relief they need to continue operating,’ said Governor Abbott. ‘That is why today I requested

that the U.S. Small Business Administration implement a declaration to provide SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans for the entire state of Texas.’ All small businesses who believe they may be eligible for an SBA EIDL should visit the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) website: <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>. They will be directed to the SBA website where they can apply for assistance.” (Office Of The Texas Governor, “Governor Abbott Requests Emergency Designation For Small Business Disaster Loans From U.S. Small Business Administration,” [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)

Available State Resources

Texas Economic Development

Texas Economic Development’s Website Features A COVID-19 Section That Offers Resources For Small Businesses, Including An Update On The State’s Application For SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program And Resources For Texas Workers.

(“Coronavirus (COVID-19),” [Texas Economic Development](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

Federal Actions Specific To State

NOTE: See above announcement by Gov. Abbott on SBA loan eligibility.

UTAH

State Administration Actions

Office Of The Governor Of Utah

On March 6, 2020, Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert Declared A State Of Emergency In Response To The COVID-19. “Earlier today, Gov. Gary R. Herbert issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency in response to the evolving outbreak of novel coronavirus. ‘Our number one focus is preparing for the arrival of novel coronavirus,’ Gov. Herbert said. ‘Issuing this declaration now allows us to take additional proactive steps that will make a big difference in how effectively we can respond once we start seeing COVID-19 diagnoses in Utah.’ The governor emphasized that the executive order is part of Utah’s preparedness plan and comes at the unanimous recommendation of the Utah COVID-19 Task Force. The task force is led by Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox and includes public health officials and health representatives from the private sector, as well as business, education, and community leaders.” (Governor Gary R. Herbert, “GOV. Herbert Declares State Of Emergency In Preparation For Coronavirus Cases In Utah,” [Press Release](#), 3/6/20)

Available State Resources

Office Of Economic Development

Utah’s Office Of Economic Development’s Website Includes A Page Dedicated To COVID-19 Updates; The Website Says More Information On The Governor’s Economic Response Task Force And Strategies To Support Local Businesses Is Forthcoming.

“Additionally, Gov. Herbert has convened an Economic Response Task Force, which includes members of the Governor’s Economic Development Coordinating Council, to discuss additional strategies to support local businesses. More information and recommendations are forthcoming SOON.” (“Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic + U.S. Small Business Administration Loans,” [Utah Governor’s Office Of Economic Development](#), Accessed 3/18/20)

Federal Actions Specific To State

Small Business Administration

On March 16, 2020, The U.S. Small Business Administration Announced It Would Be Offering Low-Interest Loans For Working Capital To Utah Small Businesses “Suffering Substantial Economic Injury As A Result Of The Coronavirus (COVID-19)...” “The U.S.

Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Utah small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Gary R. Herbert on March 16, 2020.” (U.S. Small Business Administration, “UT-16338-01 SBA Offers Disaster Assistance To Utah Small Businesses Economically Impacted By The Coronavirus (COVID-19),” [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)

- **SBA Assistance Will Be Available In Seven Primary Utah Counties, 16 Neighboring Utah Counties, And Several Other Counties In Neighboring States.** “The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the following counties. Primary Utah counties: Salt Lake, San Juan, Summit, Utah, Wasatch, Washington and Wayne; Neighboring Utah counties: Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Morgan, Piute, Rich, Sanpete, Sevier and Tooele; Neighboring Arizona counties: Apache, Coconino, Mojave and Navajo; Neighboring Colorado counties: Dolores, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose and San Miguel; Neighboring Nevada county: Lincoln; Neighboring New Mexico county: San Juan; Neighboring Wyoming counties: Sweetwater and Uinta.” (U.S. Small Business Administration, “UT-16338-01 SBA Offers Disaster Assistance To Utah Small Businesses Economically Impacted By The Coronavirus (COVID-19),” [Press Release](#), 3/17/20)