

COVID-19 FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES



HELP FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

[Business Damage Assessment Survey](#): Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local businesses. The survey, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement economic relief programs for businesses can begin.

Why is this important? Actively participating in this survey will provide data on Florida's business economic losses and may prove useful in future relief efforts from the Federal or State government.

What are the next steps? Once the state has enough surveys/evidence of economic impact, the state and federal governments can move forward with activating the path for SBA Loans and Florida Disaster Bridge Loans for business.

TAKE THE ASSESSMENT SURVEY



HOW TO HELP LOCAL COMPANIES

Helping small businesses and B Corps. Buying a gift card from [one of our Florida B Corps](#) or [Florida For Good Directory](#) Members to use at a later date can help support folks through a turbulent time.



EMERGENCY BRIDGE LOAN FOR SMALL BUSINESS

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan](#) Program is currently available to small business owners located in all FL counties statewide that are experiencing economic damage as a result of COVID-19. Check out this website daily for new info: <https://floridadisasterloan.org/>

Loan Details

- **Designated Disaster Areas:** All Florida counties statewide per Executive Order 20-52.
- **Qualified Applicant:** Applications will be accepted by qualified for-profit, privately held small businesses that maintain a place of business in the state of Florida. All qualified applicants must have been established prior to March 9, 2020, and suffered economic injury as a result of the designated disaster. Qualified small business applicants must be an employer business with 2 to 100 employees.
- **Amount:** Up to \$50,000 per eligible small business. Loans of up to \$100,000 may be made in special cases as warranted by the need of the eligible small business.
- **Term:** 1 year.
- **Limitation:** Only one loan may be made per eligible business. All previous bridge loans received MUST be paid in full.
- **Interest Rate:** Loans will be interest-free for the loan term (1 year). The Interest rate will be 12% per annum on the unpaid balance thereafter, until the loan balance is repaid in full. Loan default is subject to a normal commercial collection process.
- **Application Period:** Applications will be accepted by qualified Florida small businesses under this program through May 8, 2020, contingent on the availability of funds.

Get Started

1. Review [eligibility requirements and loan process](#).
2. Download, complete and sign the [application form](#).
3. Gather required [support documentation](#).
4. Contact and submit completed and signed application and support documentation to your local Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC). You can locate your local SBDC at www.FloridaSBDC.org/locations.

be good to yourself

PRACTICE SELF-CARE

Be sure to consider the wellbeing of your physical and mental health during this time. We encourage practicing yoga and meditation as a way to encourage a positive mindset, reduce stress and cultivate gratitude.

- Check-out yogadownload.com for hundreds of online yoga and meditation classes to practice in the comfort of your own home – many of which are free
- Eat foods that boost your immune system (fresh fruits and veggies if you have access to them). We love the [Glowing Green Smoothie](#) by celebrity nutritionist Kimberly Snyder.
- Spend time in nature: go on a hike
- Practice positive affirmations. Here are [72 Positive Affirmations for Anxiety and Depression](#) from the Positive Affirmations Center.
- Workout: Do a free virtual [305 Fitness workout class here](#). We both did it today and felt so joyful afterward.
- Art: Feel like you're visiting a museum through a free virtual tour. View participating museums [here](#).
- Music: The Met Opera is live streaming performances this entire week [here](#).
- Meditation: Try Dr. Tara Brach's mindfulness meditations free [here](#).
- Podcast: [Time Ferris featuring Jack Kornfield, How to Find Peace Amid COVID-19, How to Cultivate Calm in Chaos.](#)

BUSINESS RESOURCES

We encourage preparedness prep for business owners. Please find some helpful links below. If you don't have a continuity and prep plan, now is a good time to get started.

COVID-19 Resource Center - The Orlando Economic Partnership's online business resource center [Orlando.org/covid19](https://www.orlando.org/covid19) has many useful links not just for Central Florida businesses, but for the entire state.

Other useful links:

- [Florida Disaster: access to critical information before, during and after a disaster](#)
- [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for Pandemic](#)
- [Business Planning Checklist for Pandemics](#)
- [Employer Action Item list](#)
- [Preparedness Planning for your Business](#)
- [Business Emergency Preparedness Social Media Toolkit](#)
- [Business Continuity Plan](#)
- [Small Business Administration \(SBA\) Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Best practices for communication of management](#)
- [Moving to a remote team](#)
- [Ways to stay focused when working from home](#)
- [Tips to make working from home work for you](#)
- [How to lead a remote team](#)
- [How to successfully take your team remote](#)
- [How to cope with uncertainty](#)
- [Care for your coronavirus anxiety](#)
- [What early stage startups should be thinking about right now](#)
- [How to wash your hands properly](#)
- [How to market during a crisis](#)
- [8 ways to manage your coronavirus related anxiety](#)
- [Social distancing](#)
- [How to help others](#)
- [Importance of social distancing](#)
- [How to flatten the covid growth curve](#)