

# COVID-19 RESOURCE SHEET

The available information, resources, loans, grants, and tools for assisting businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic shift over time. While this is not an exhaustive list, the resources listed below are current as of **1/04/2020**. Valley Economic Alliance staff will update these resources as frequently as we can. Please check back often.

## Business Grants

### California Small Business Covid-19 Relief Grant Program

<https://careliefgrant.com>

State sponsored program with grant funding range of 5K-25K. New application window is **December 30, 2020 – closes January 13, 2021 at 11:59 PM PST**. 501c3 nonprofits are also eligible for funds. Be prepared to provide government issued photo id and business financials (business license and 2018/2019 tax return), must be scanned and uploaded before application close date.

### FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Fund Application

<https://www.foundla.org/covid-recovery-fund-for-small-businesses/>

Small business recovery fund with grant range of \$5-25k. Must be founded pre Feb 2019 have a physical location, be located in LA County; Under 20 employees (includes full time, part time, and/or contracted workers); Evidence of profitable business pre-COVID being negatively impacted by COVID; Revenue between \$30K and \$3M; Must own at least 50% of the business; Must be willing to complete the application process and submit all required documents; Must be willing to have your story told in FOUND/LA, TMC Community Capital, and/or Pacific Community Ventures' print, digital, and audio outlets. Round 2 applications open January 11th 2021 and close January 17 11:59 pm



## NASE Growth Grants

<https://www.nase.org/become-a-member/grants-and-scholarships/growth-grants>

Funded by the National Association for the Self Employed (NASE) these grants provide \$4,000. Worth up to \$4,000 each, NASE Members can apply for small business grants. Small business grants are useful for financing a particular small business need. Past recipients used their growth grants for computers, farm equipment, to hire part-time help, marketing materials, website creation and more. Must be a NASE member in order to apply (annual membership costs \$120).

## Amber Grant for Women Business Owners

<https://ambergrantsforwomen.com/get-an-amber-grant/>

This monthly grant program select one grantee winner a month that receive 10,000 in funding. At the end of each year, each monthly winner is eligible to be selected to receive one 25,000 grant. No business dream is too big or too small. Our past Amber Grant recipients have included everything from scientific inventors to bakers. What matters is YOU — the woman (or women) behind the business. Must be women owned and able to pay a 15.00 application fee each month you apply.

## California Mainstreet Business Tax Credit

<https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/SB1447-tax-credit.htm>

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) will begin accepting applications for tentative small business hiring credit reservation amounts through an online reservation system.

Qualified small business employers must apply with the CDTFA for a credit reservation. The credit reservations will be allocated to qualified small business employers on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Operating from December 2 2020 thru January 15th 2021.

## **Business Loans**

### **Paycheck Protection Program Application (2021 Reopen)**

<https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form-paycheck-protection-program-ez-loan-forgiveness-application>

The PPP program is back in 2021, the deadline to apply for funds is March 31st 2021. Loans up to \$1 million will be awarded. Click the above link to the application, process now open to 501c3 nonprofit organizations. Sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed persons eligible. For more information click here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program#section-header-7>. The Alliance can connect with a lender email [mcarter@economicalliance.org](mailto:mcarter@economicalliance.org).

### **PPE E-Z Loan Forgiveness**

<https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form-paycheck-protection-program-ez-loan-forgiveness-application>

Did you receive a PPP loan? Have you applied for PPP loan forgiveness yet? The Small Business Administration (SBA) released several updates you should be aware of as you prepare to apply for loan forgiveness. SBA released a PPP EZ loan forgiveness application. You are eligible to fill out the EZ Forgiveness Application (pdf) if you meet one of the following criteria: You are self-employed and have no employees; You did not reduce the salaries or wages of your employees by more than 25% and did not reduce the number of hours for your employees; or You experienced reduction in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19 and did not reduce the salaries or wages of your employees by more than 25%.



## Small Business Angel Fund

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's Office (LA CD3) is partnering with The Change Reaction nonprofit organization to offer interest-free loans \$5,000-\$25,000 to small businesses in Reseda, Tarzana, Winnetka, Woodland Hills, and Canoga Park that meet the following profile: 15 or fewer employees, under \$1 million in annual revenue, and have remained open in some capacity during Safer at Home mandate. Required: provide proof of rent payments for the 12 months ending March 31, 2020, evidence of submission of COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application (applicant need not have received funds). **For applications assistance, please contact Kevin Tamaki at 310-266-3284 or [kevin.tamaki@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.tamaki@lacity.org)**

## Economic and Workforce Development Program Small Business Loan Program

<https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/small-business-loans>

EWDD designed the Small Business Loan Program in order to provide financing to viable small businesses that private lenders cannot accommodate. Whether, your business is a Start-Up or an existing business that would like to expand, loan funds can be used for reasonable and eligible business operation costs, including, but not limited to, inventory, equipment, working capital and leaseholder improvements. The ultimate goal of the Small Business Loan Program is job creation and the borrower is required to create jobs in the City of Los Angeles. See above link for more details.

## AmPac Small Business Loan Program (CDFI)

<https://ampac.com/small-business-loans/cdfi-program/>

AmPac Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) loan program is ideal for women, minorities and veteran business owners. Loans feature more flexible debt coverage ratios than traditional lenders, lower credit score considerations for explainable credit issues and a documented course of action, finance start-ups with good business plans and projections, up to \$100,000 loans available for those that qualify under the CDFI program. All business owners that AmPac serves through its CDFI product will be offered technical assistance in conjunction with SBA partners including the Women's Business Center, the SBDC and SCORE. See link above for more details.



## U.S. Federal Reserve Board Main Street Lending Program

[BostonFed.org/mslp](https://BostonFed.org/mslp)

The program is designed to help credit flow to small and medium-sized for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations in sound financial condition before the onset of the COVID-19 crisis but now need loans to help maintain their operations until they have recovered from or adapted to the impacts of the pandemic. Loans originated under the program have several features that will help borrowers facing challenges. The program offers 5-year loans, floating rates, and principal and interest payments deferred as indicated in the charts below to help those experiencing temporary cash flow interruptions. To support a broad set of employers, loan size starts at \$250,000 and ranges up to \$300 million for some loan types.

## Council District 12 Small Business Relief Fund Loan Application

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOjK\\_jSHkAVccb3925KGV0urgvCVbO2ZJKpAxyva\\_4\\_ii5uw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOjK_jSHkAVccb3925KGV0urgvCVbO2ZJKpAxyva_4_ii5uw/viewform)

Funding for the CD12 Small Business Relief Fund is made possible through a generous donation from Greg and Jodi Perlman of The Change Reaction, in partnership with Councilmember John S. Lee. This program is open to essential businesses located in Council District 12. See a map here. To be eligible, businesses must be currently open and operating or will be able to open upon receipt of the loan.

## [Business Information Resources](#)

### PPE Unite (free PPE for L.A area businesses)

<https://www.ppeunite.org/>

The PPE Unite™ program is a joint effort to give small business owners and their employees access to much-needed personal protective gear. This public and private partnership program creates access to PPE, promotes PPE use, and provides additional resources for businesses. Must sign-up to access resources.



## California State Treasurer Fiona Ma's Small Business Resource List

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/3/d/1tYNAyRgzUfsALLI7RJC0Ez\\_ClyyLXSsNWfB-1UPetQY/htmlview#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/3/d/1tYNAyRgzUfsALLI7RJC0Ez_ClyyLXSsNWfB-1UPetQY/htmlview#gid=0)

Statewide resource list compiled by the Treasurers office. This google form is updated frequently and list program information, website links and brief summaries on how they can be helpful. Worth reviewing if you have time especially if your looking for state and locally specific resources.

## Blueprint for a Safer Economy

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

Resource guide on stay at home orders per county including current order status and how various businesses /industries are affected

## City of Los Angeles Pandemic Restaurant Operation Guidelines

[http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/toolkits/Dine\\_In\\_Restaurants\\_Toolkit.pdf?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/toolkits/Dine_In_Restaurants_Toolkit.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

This document contains tools for restaurants in Los Angeles to plan for the safety of employees as they prepare to resume operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also has great resources and tools for how to maintain guidelines.



## **L.A Small Business Legal Assistance**

<https://www.betztedek.org/our-services/justiceforworkers/smallbusiness/>

Bet Tzedek and LA Represents help small business owners in Los Angeles find free legal resources to address problems caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Their assistance and resources include resource fliers, FAQ documents, webinars and one on one legal assistance. Information includes relief info for small businesses, employment rights in the pandemic, loan resources, alternative business models and more.

## **L.A. Economic Development Corp (LAEDC) Covid-19 Resources**

<https://laedc.org/coronavirus>

This webpage contains business reopening information and a resource directory catered to the L.A area.

## **Retail/Food Pick-up Sign Permit Application Page**

<https://ladot.lacity.org/businesses/permits#apply-for-food-pickup-signs>

Apply for retail (not for restaurants), or food pick-up (not for retail locations) permit through the Los Angeles department of transportation website.

## **LA Al Fresco (Outdoor Dining Set-up Resources for Restaurants)**

<https://corona-virus.la/laalfresco>

L.A. Al Fresco is a temporary program that streamlines requirements and approvals across multiple City departments for outdoor dining on sidewalks, parking lots, and streets. The program aims to help local businesses reopen while allowing customers and employees to maintain the physical distance recommended by public health officials by temporarily relaxing the rules that regulate outdoor dining. 55% of program resources will be directed to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) businesses or located in areas with disproportionate job loss due to COVID-19.

## **CA Great Plates Program Food Provider Interest Form/FAQ**

<https://state-of-california-agency.forms.fm/great-plates-delivered-food-provider-interest-form/forms/7917>

This program is designed to help older adults at high risk from COVID-19 to stay home and stay healthy by delivering three nutritious meals a day and provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses and workers struggling to stay afloat during the crisis. Restaurants and food providers interested in participating can apply to participate.

## **Health Information Resources**

### **L.A County Public Health Covid-19 Toolkit for Restaurants**

[http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/toolkits/Dine\\_In\\_Restaurants\\_Toolkit.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/toolkits/Dine_In_Restaurants_Toolkit.pdf)

This resource is a helpful toolkit for restaurants in the Los Angeles area, including information on Covid-19 prevention practices, physical distancing requirements, infection control, protecting employees, protecting customers, and communication resources for staff and customers.

### **Employee COvid-19 Testing w/ Labcorp**

<https://www.labcorp.com/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/organizations>

Information about LabCorp's offerings on employer assistance for symptom checking, Testing, and return/stay at work procedures. Call service number: 1-877-469-5411

### **Small Business CDC FAQ**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html>

CDC official guidance on suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the workplace, reducing the spread, healthy business operations, cleaning and disinfecting the workplace, and designation of essential workers/critical workplaces.

## **Los Angeles Public Health Resources**

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/resources.htm>

Los Angeles County focused resources on food resources (food banks & pantries, LAUSD Grab and G.O. centers, WIC, Calfresh, grocery gift cards, project angel food, meal delivery for seniors) Health (medical, county health and human services resources) financial resources (unemployment insurance claims, SSI) other resources (shelter, housing, public services, childcare, and information hotlines).

## **Taking Action**

### **Prosper LA**

<https://prosperla.lacounty.gov/>

LA County is seeking innovative ideas from County employees, residents, businesses, nonprofits, and the community to assist businesses, streamline contracting processes, and identify potential cost-savings. This effort is part of the County's roadmap to economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.