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## **With \$349 Billion in Emergency Small Business Capital Cleared, SBA and Treasury Begin Unprecedented Public-Private Mobilization Effort to Distribute Funds**

**SALT LAKE CITY** – Following President Trump’s signing of the historic Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, SBA Administrator [Jovita Carranza](#) and Treasury Secretary [Steven T. Mnuchin](#) today announced that the SBA and Treasury Department have initiated a robust mobilization effort of banks and other lending institutions to provide small businesses with the capital they need.

“Now that the CARES Act has been finalized, the added funds and the Paycheck Protection Program will help small business owners make payroll, cover expenses such as paying fixed debts, accounts payable and other bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The programs included in the stimulus package will provide the critical hand up to our small businesses in order to lessen the impact of the lost revenue they are now experiencing,” said SBA Utah District Director Marla Trollan.

The CARES Act establishes a new \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program. The Program will provide much-needed relief to millions of small businesses so they can sustain their businesses and keep their workers employed.

“This unprecedented public-private partnership is going to assist small businesses with accessing capital quickly. Our goal is to position lenders as the single point-of-contact for small businesses – the application, loan processing, and disbursement of funds will all be administered at the community level,” said Administrator Carranza.

“Speed is the operative word; applications for the emergency capital can begin as early as this week, with lenders using their own systems and processes to make these loans. We

remain committed to supporting our nation's more than 30 million small businesses and their employees, so that they can continue to be the fuel for our nation's economic engine," she said.

"This legislation provides small business job retention loans to provide eight weeks of payroll and certain overhead to keep workers employed," said Secretary Mnuchin.

"Treasury and the Small Business Administration expect to have this program up and running by April 3rd so that businesses can go to a participating SBA 7(a) lender, bank, or credit union, apply for a loan, and be approved on the same day. The loans will be forgiven as long as the funds are used to keep employees on the payroll and for certain other expenses," he said.

The new loan program will help small businesses with their payroll and other business operating expenses. It will provide critical capital to businesses without collateral requirements, personal guarantees, or SBA fees – all with a 100% guarantee from SBA. All loan payments will be deferred for six months. Most importantly, the SBA will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first eight weeks of payroll costs, rent, utilities, and mortgage interest.

**The Paycheck Protection Program is specifically designed to help small businesses keep their workforce employed. Visit [SBA.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus) for more information on the Paycheck Protection Program.**

- The new loan program will be available retroactive from Feb. 15, 2020, so employers can rehire their recently laid-off employees through June 30, 2020.

### **Loan Terms & Conditions**

- Eligible businesses: All businesses, including non-profits, Veterans organizations, Tribal concerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors, with 500 or fewer employees, or no greater than the number of employees set by the SBA as the size standard for certain industries
- Maximum loan amount up to \$10 million
- Loan forgiveness if proceeds used for payroll costs and other designated business operating expenses in the 8 weeks following the date of loan origination (due to likely high subscription, it is anticipated that not more than 25% of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs)
- All loans under this program will have the following identical features:
  - Interest rate of 0.5%
  - Maturity of 2 years
  - First payment deferred for six months
  - 100% guarantee by SBA

- No collateral
- No personal guarantees
- No borrower or lender fees payable to SBA

Also under the CARES Act, 7(a) Borrowers are relieved of any obligation to pay the principal, interest and any associated fees that are owed on a 7(a) loan in a regular servicing status (including Community Advantage loans) for a 6-month period beginning with the first payment due on a loan after March 27, 2020.

SBA will pay this first loan payment to the Lenders within 30 days of the first loan payment due date after March 27, 2020. If a Lender receives a loan payment from a Borrower after March 27, 2020, the Lender must inform the Borrower that it has the option of the Lender either returning the loan payment to the Borrower or applying the loan payment to further reduce the loan balance after application of SBA's payment.

To make the first payment, SBA will need Lenders to provide the gross monthly loan amount due (that includes both the guaranteed and non-guaranteed portions of the loan) as soon as possible to the FTA. SBA will provide further guidance to Lenders on the method and the date by which Lenders must provide the gross monthly loan amount.

SBA's announcement comes on the heels of a series of steps taken by the Agency since the President's Emergency Declaration to expeditiously provide capital to financially distressed businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Since March 17, SBA has taken the following steps:

- [Declared all states and territories eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance](#)
- 1-year deferment on Economic Injury Disaster Loans provided due to COVID-19
- [Automatic deferment of previous disaster loans for homeowners and businesses through 2020](#)
- Waiver of garnishments through 2020

Visit [SBA.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus) for more information on SBA's assistance to small businesses.

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