EIDL and PPP Funding

On Thursday, April 16, applications for the federal Paycheck Protection Program and EIDL funding closed. EIDL applications that were already submitted will be processed as funds remain.

If you did not get your application(s) submitted, please do not lose hope. Keep application(s) close and continue recordkeeping and compiling back-up information. Feds are being urged to replenish SBA funds for PPP and EIDL in the previously-passed third relief package, **in addition** to passing a fourth relief package.

US Chamber of Commerce Launches Save Small Business Fund

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce continues to advocate for additional federal relief for our businesses. To extend a helping hand to small businesses suffering from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, in partnership with Vistaprint and a coalition of supporting companies, foundations, and philanthropic donors, is working to provide financial relief through the **Save Small Business Fund.**

The Fund is providing \$5,000 in short-term relief to employers across the United States. These one-time supplemental cash grants are for businesses that have between three and 20 employees, and operate in an economically vulnerable community.

The grant application will go live on Monday, April 20 at 12:00 pm PDT. To learn more about the Save Small Business Fund and to apply for a grant, visit: www.savesmallbusiness.com

Guide for Independent Contractors

The U.S. Chamber has released a useful guide for independent contractors and self-employed individuals to help them access assistance under the Federal CARES Act. This includes loans through the Paycheck Protection Program and the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, as well as Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. Links to this useful guide (in English and Spanish) and numerous other business resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic are on your chamber's website at https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/

New Round of Grants from SAIF Related to Worker Safety

SAIF has a new round of grants for COVID-19 related expenses for worker safety. Eligible expenses must have been incurred after March 1, be clearly associated with the COVID-19 crisis and be directly related to worker safety.

For more information and to apply, visit: https://www.saif.com/employer-guide/coronavirus-and-workers-compensation/coronavirus-worker-safety-fund.html

<u>USDA Implements Immediate Measure to Help Rural</u> <u>Residents, Businesses and Communities Affected by COVID-19</u>

USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Read the full announcement to learn more about the opportunities USDA Rural Development is implementing to provide immediate relief to its customers, partners, and stakeholders. **COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide**

NEW Information and Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/

Please continue to check back, as the chamber updates its resource information almost daily. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

Stay Safe...Stay Strong...We Are In This Together! And, please remember to <u>BUY LOCAL</u> and <u>SHOP SMALL</u>!

Let us know how we can help. Please take care. Debbie

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