

## Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) Opens for Applications on May 3

The SBA has announced that the Restaurant Revitalization Fund will begin registrations on Friday, April 30, 2021, at 9 a.m. EDT and open applications on Monday, May 3, 2021.

SBA Administrator Guzman announced the application opening for \$28.6 Billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund which will prioritize direct relief to women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and includes \$9.5 billion in set-asides for smaller businesses.

In preparation, the SBA recommends qualifying applicants familiarize themselves with the application process in advance to ensure a smooth and efficient application experience, specifically by:

- Registering for an account in advance at [restaurants.sba.gov](https://restaurants.sba.gov) starting Friday, April 30, 2021, at 9 a.m. EDT.
- Reviewing the official guidance, including program guide, frequently asked questions, and application sample.
- Preparing the required documentation.
- Working with a point-of-sale vendor or visiting [restaurants.sba.gov](https://restaurants.sba.gov) to submit an application when the application portal opens.

[Note: If an applicant is working with a point-of-sale vendor, they do not need to register beforehand on the site.]

- Attending a live recorded virtual training webinar.
  - Tuesday, April 27 | 2:30 p.m. EDT | [Register here](#)
  - Wednesday, April 28 | 1 p.m. EDT | [Register here](#)
  - Wednesday, April 28 | 2:30 p.m. EDT | [Register here](#)

For the first 21 days that the program is open, the SBA will prioritize funding applications from businesses owned and controlled by women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. All eligible applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as the portal opens. Following the 21 days, all eligible applications will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Douglas County Moves to “Moderate” Risk Level this Friday

Effective Friday, April 30, Douglas County moves from “high” to “moderate” risk level. For details about what this means to specific business sectors, [CLICK HERE!](#)

There will be [15 Oregon counties](#) moving to extreme risk on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> for at least one week. Governor Brown has removed the “warning week” for the current and next two weeks (and the use of the “buffer week” will also be on pause). Movement week data will be released on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>: Movement data released
- Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: County Risk Levels change
- Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: Movement data released
- Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: County Risk Levels change
- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>: Movement data released
- Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: County Risk Levels change

If, after three weeks, Oregon still exceeds statewide hospitalization metrics and one or more counties still meet the case rates and percent positivity for “extreme” risk, the Oregon Health Authority will evaluate why and make recommendations to the Governor’s office. Governor Brown announced updates to outdoor capacity limits for “extreme” risk counties and is also partnering with legislators on a \$20 million emergency relief package to provide immediate aid to impacted businesses in “extreme” risk counties through the state’s commercial rent relief program.

## Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) Application Portal is Open

The Small Business Administration’s Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) application portal reopened on **Monday, April 26, 2021**. Applicants will need a smartphone and a multi-factor authenticator app to register and apply.

The SBA has also added the following updated resources.

- **Applicant user guide and FAQ:** For help with the application process, refer to the [applicant user guide](#) and [FAQ](#).
- **Checklist:** Use the [checklist](#) to make sure you have everything you need to complete your application.
- **Call Center:** For Shuttered Venue Operators Grant application portal technical assistance such as a password reset, browser suggestions, or how to use the multi-factor authentication with an app and the QR code, applicants can call **1-800-659-2955** or, for the **deaf and hard-of-hearing 1-800-877-8339** and follow the prompts to SVOG assistance. For additional information and to review applicant resources, visit [www.sba.gov/svogrant](http://www.sba.gov/svogrant).

[SVOG Info](#)

[Pandemic Relief Programs](#)

## **SBA Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) Webinar**

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce is presenting a webinar by the Small Business Administration (SBA) on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund on Thursday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. The webinar is **open to Oregon chambers of commerce and our members. Register early. Seating is limited.** In the webinar presentation, you will learn:

- What is the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)
- Who is eligible
- How do other programs Impact RRF
- How can you use the funds
- How to calculate fund amounts
- How to apply and what documents are needed
- How to get help with applying for RRF

The featured speaker is Ashley Lambeth Christian, outreach and marketing specialist with the SBA's Portland office. [REGISTER NOW!](#)

## **Commercial Rent Relief Grants for Small Business Opened April 22...Closes May 6**

**Business Oregon opened the second round of its grant program for building owners to cover outstanding lease payments from small business tenants behind on rent due to COVID-19 on April 22. Act quickly. The grant application program is only open for two weeks, closing on May 6, 2021.**

The grants can go up to \$100,000 per each business tenant, but no more than \$3 million for each landlord. This grant program is NOT first-come, first served. There is approximately \$42 million in funds available this round (there was \$49.9 million available in round one and nearly \$65.4 million in grant application requests). Applicants not selected in round one are automatically entered into round two. Applications will be chosen by a random lottery system in any geographic region that has more applicants than funds available.

This program helps small business tenants with 100 or fewer employees. Both the business tenant and the property owner will need to participate in the application process and sign the grant agreement, but the initial application needs to be completed by the landlord.

Minor changes to round two of the grant program include, the minimum grant amount is now \$500 (reduced from \$1000), landlords can be publicly-traded businesses and sole proprietors do not need to register their business with the Secretary of State, if they are not otherwise required to do so.

For more information and to apply, [CLICK HERE!](#)

## **Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Declined?**

Effective immediately, applicants can send a request for reevaluation of a Targeted EIDL Advance application that was declined to the following email address:

[TargetedAdvanceReevaluation@sba.gov](mailto:TargetedAdvanceReevaluation@sba.gov).

**Applicants should follow these instructions when requesting a reevaluation:**

- Send an email to [TargetedAdvanceReevaluation@sba.gov](mailto:TargetedAdvanceReevaluation@sba.gov)
- Use the subject line **"Reevaluation Request for [insert your 10-digit application number]"**

- In the body of the email, include **identifying information** for the application such as application number, business name, business address, business owner name(s) and phone number
- **Important:** Include an **explanation and any documentation** that addresses the reason for the decline, if available. SBA will contact applicants if additional documentation is required to complete the review.

## **COVID-19-Related Tax Credits for Small and Midsize Businesses**

### **Providing Paid Leave**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 amended and extended the tax credits (and availability of advance payments of the tax credits) for paid sick and family leave for wages paid for the period beginning April 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2021. Updates on these tax credits will be found [HERE](#).

### **PPP Application Deadline Extended to May 31**

Businesses interested in applying for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan will be pleased to learn that yesterday President Biden signed the [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Extension Act](#) into law extending the PPP deadline from March 31 to **May 31, 2021**. If you received an initial PPP loan from a bank or credit union during the first round, please contact them regarding a second loan. If this is a first-time PPP application: (1) [Use this map](#) to enter your ZIP code and find nearby PPP lenders, (2) Get matched with potential PPP lenders using the [SBA Lender Match tool](#), or (3) contact your local SBA office for more information on community financial institutions offering access to PPP [HERE](#).

Updated PPP information and guidance can be found [HERE](#). Borrowers can apply for the Paycheck Protection Program by downloading the [First Draw PPP loan application](#) or [Second Draw PPP loan application](#) and working with a participating PPP lender through the [SBA Lender Match tool](#).

The U.S. Chamber created a new [Guide to Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Loans](#) to provide local chambers and our members with the latest information and answers to FAQs about the changes that have been made to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) Program as part of the end-of-year pandemic relief package Congress passed and which is tentatively slated to become law.

[Click here](#) to view the U.S. Chamber's new Guide to Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Loans. As the year-end federal pandemic relief package evolves and, we are confident, ultimately authorized and signed into law, we will continue to provide updates as the information becomes available.

## **Chamber Positions and Testimony on Bills in the Oregon**

### **Legislature**

A list of bills the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce weighed in on through early March on can be found in the [March/April 2021 issue of Business Perspectives](#). For the most up-to-date information and details about the bills the chamber is watching, has taken positions and links to actual testimony submitted as well as positions on matters before the US Congress, please check out our [CURRENT NEWS](#) page on the chamber website.

### **Free PPE Still Available to Roseburg Area Businesses**

The Roseburg Area Chamber through a partnership with the City of Roseburg continues to provide free PPE to Roseburg businesses. The PPE available includes: 3-ply ear-loop disposal masks, washable reusable cloth masks, non-surgical KN95 masks, pump-bottle hand sanitizer, antibacterial wipes and disposable nitrile gloves.

To receive the no-cost PPE, businesses should apply through the chamber's website. To apply, visit [COVID-19 Business Recovery Resource Center Library](#) or click [HERE](#)!

## Business Recovery Resource Center Library

Please continue to check the chamber's online ["Business Recovery Resource Center Library Re: COVID-19 Pandemic,"](#) as the chamber updates its resource information at least weekly. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses are armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

## Chamber News, Programs & Updates

The Roseburg Area Chamber's 2021 "Shop Chamber & Save" exclusive member-to-member discount program flyer is [online](#).

The chamber's annual celebration of business and awards event tentatively planned for March 18 is postponed. As soon as we have a new date, we'll be sure and send out a "SAVE THE DATE!"

Missed a past issue of *Business Perspectives* or one of those "oh-so-informative" membership email blasts? No worries. They are posted on the chamber website on the [Monthly Newsletter page](#) . . . just scroll.

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