



We at the SBDC are dedicated to helping all small businesses access the tools and assistance they need to whether the health crisis of COVID 19. It is our hope that this can serve as a comprehensive resource guide to direct you to the resources at your disposal. Attached you will find links and various resources to aid in disaster preparedness and recovery.

The Pikes Peak SBDC website has a multitude of resources and PDF downloads to help you navigate the

The Work-Share Program provides an alternative to laying off employees by allowing them to keep working, but with fewer hours. While an employee is working fewer hours, he or she may be eligible to collect part of his or her regular unemployment benefits.

current health and economic struggles small business owners are facing.

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/WorkShareInfoEmployers_0.pdf

<https://pikespeaksbdc.org/what-we-do/programs/disaster-relief>

The economic decline resulting from the spread of the Coronavirus is having immediate impact on many businesses across Eastern Colorado. On Friday, the Small Business Administration announced plans to make low-interest federal disaster loans available to qualified states. The Office of Economic Development and International Trade is taking the lead in qualifying Colorado for this program. This process requires that OEDIT demonstrate that businesses and nonprofits across the state have already experienced economic impact through declining sales, a failure to access needed commodities to carry on their business activities, or through cancellation of scheduled events, resulting in a decline in anticipated revenue.

Following this approval process, any business or non-profit that has experienced a demonstrated loss will be eligible to apply online for low interest (3.75%) loans of up to \$2 million.

Due to the uncertainty over the duration of this declared disaster, respondents are advised to list the following under the "Estimated Adverse Economic Impact" section:

Start/End dates: January 1, 2020 to Ongoing

Revenue impact: business owners and non-profit directors can explain the type of loss they are experiencing at this time in narrative format in the box provided.

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Declarations> is the link for current locations accepted. Enter Colorado in the state box/field and click filter. You will see the up to the minute list of counties in Colorado that are eligible to apply. This list will continue to grow over the next few weeks. Contact mickie.lewis-gemici@ojc.edu with any questions regarding SE Colorado developments.

Small Business Author Rhonda Abrams is hosting a variety of Facebook Live events covering topics such as government legislation in response to COVID 19 that directly affect small business owners.

These will be held at 1pm Eastern/10am Pacific at www.facebook.com/RhondaAbramsSmallBusiness.

El Pomar Foundation announced today the establishment of the Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). CAF is a \$1 million fund offering immediate aid to nonprofit organizations supporting Colorado communities, organizations and individuals affected by the recent outbreak of COVID-19.

https://www.elpomar.org/media/filer_public/29/6d/296d2605-f81e-4992-9a82-f155501bf526/el_pomar_announces_colorado_assistance_fund.pdf

If you currently have an SBA Loan, see the link below for new guidelines for loan deferments in

Unemployment Resources from the Colorado Department

regard to the COVID 19 crisis. The link below will connect you to the SBA guidance document:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/9d4a061e701/7dd33507-83ec-4d87-a38f-e86e757564e4.pdf>

If you have a loan through another lender, consider being proactive and approaching them about possible loan deferment processes during the current economical and health concerns.

of Labor & Employment:

[Emergency Paid Leave Rule](#)

[Unemployment Insurance](#)

[Layoff/Separations](#)

[Vail Daily](#)

Trade Pub offers a library of free resources on topics such as "9 Strategies for Working Remotely During the Coronavirus".

<https://www.tradepub.com/>

Call to Action on Community Needs

Many Housing Colorado member organizations are facing daunting challenges in working with those who are experiencing homelessness, victims of domestic violence, those with compromised immune systems, those living with disability, and people who are struggling economically

with regards to serving those who are infected and containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

If your organization has need for specific supplies, donations etc. please send your request to info@housingcolorado.org. you know of organizations in need of assistance, please send their contact information and we will reach out to them. We will disseminate the lists of requested items and services to our community for a call to action.

Additional resources can be found at <https://www.housingcolorado.org/>

With last week's State of Emergency declaration to combat COVID-19's spread in Colorado, we are dedicating our outreach to support the health, safety and economic prosperity of small businesses across the State. The State of Emergency declaration is an important step to access key resources to protect Coloradans and our economy. Our commitment is to share the most timely information, processes and resources available. The first phase of the State's response must be containment and that includes information sharing, preventative actions and resources to help.

What you should know:

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is leading the State's multi-agency crisis response. We encourage you and all of your partners to stay informed with reliable, up-to-date information through CDPHE's website: colorado.gov/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus and the [Center for Disease Control](#).

- Coloradans should stay informed and take simple preventive actions.

- Frequently and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, or use your inner elbow or sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you're sick, and keep your children home if they are sick.
- Clean surfaces in your home and personal items such as cell phones, using regular household products.
- Be calm and prepared.
- [FEMA: Guidance for COVID-19 preparedness](#)
- [CDC: Getting your household ready for COVID-19](#)

Additional sources of information:

- COVID-19 Hotline: Call 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911
- Email COHELP@RMPDC.org.
- State public health web page: colorado.gov/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus
- Facebook (facebook.com/CDPHE) and Twitter ([@CDPHE](https://twitter.com/CDPHE))
- CDC web page cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

Gatherings:

To limit virus transmission, meetings should be conducted via telephone or video conferences whenever possible.

Telecommuting:

Where viable, the role of telecommuting should be discussed as a tool to maintain business continuity.

Earlier today, Governor Polis issued an executive order under the emergency declaration limiting gatherings of people over 250 people. Colorado has taken aggressive actions to identify and isolate cases of transmission and limiting group gatherings flattens the curve of community spread to ensure the resources and facilities to treat new cases.

SBDC Center Operation:

As there continues to be new restrictions and recommendations on travel, conferences, work from home policies, and social distancing in order to minimize the spread of the virus, we at the SBDC will continue to embrace these recommendations as necessary to help keep our clients, staff, and community healthy. As such, some face to face client meetings may be moved to a phone call or video chat and some trainings might move to online webinar formats.

SBDC Resources

The Colorado SBDC Network is committed to providing the most up-to-date relevant information to help you and your business navigate the current potential hardships. To that end, we have compiled the appropriate resources for your business on our Disaster Preparedness and Continuity Page found [here](#).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us 719-384-6959 or mickie.lewis-gemici@ojc.edu.

Be Safe and Careful...Best, Mickie Lewis-Gemici, Regional Director/ SECO
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