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**Michigan Certified Development Corporation
Guidance to Small Businesses
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At Michigan Certified Development Corporation, we are committed to providing you as much assistance as possible during these trying times. Part of that is to provide timely and accurate information regarding assistance that may be available.

As of today, the widely publicized SBA Disaster Relief funds referenced in the SBA announcement below are not available to Michigan businesses. When/if a declaration of economic disaster is declared for Michigan due to the coronavirus, the funds referenced in the SBA release may become available. MCDC has reached out to the disaster customer support line (contact information in the SBA notice that follows) and there are specific forms required for disaster loans. The forms can be provided to you by contacting the SBA disaster assistance hotline at 800-659-2955 or via e-mail at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

As an alternative, you may desire to reach out to your primary lender to discuss what options they have available which may include additional financing or modifications to existing loans.

In the event you desire to investigate the possibility of a deferment of your loan payments on your 504 loan, please reach out to MCDC at 517-886-6612 and ask for Servicing or email us at servicing@michigancdc.org.

Below is the SBA announcement regarding disaster programs. You may also access potential funding options available to you at the SBA website: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs>.

SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus

- * The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon a request received from a state's or territory's Governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.
- * Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations in designated areas of a state or territory to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- * SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- * Once a declaration is made for designated areas within a state, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to all affected communities as well as updated on our website: [SBA.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster).
- * SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance per small business and can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.
- * These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- * SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.
- * SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.
- * For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center. Call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.
- * Visit [SBA.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster) for more information.

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