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The American Rescue Plan

Fact Sheet: Small Business Assistance

On March 11, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan (ARP), a sweeping relief package to combat the COVID pandemic and provide economic stability for workers and families. The legislation includes additional assistance for small businesses that are struggling during the pandemic.

Note: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is in the process of implementing these expanded programs. We will update this fact sheet as more information becomes available, and we encourage you to visit www.sba.gov for the latest information.

More Funding and Expanded Access for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) (as March 2021)

The ARP authorizes an additional \$7.25 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program and expands access to the program for more categories of non-profit entities. The program offers forgivable loans to small businesses and nonprofit organizations for businesses that spend over 60% of the funds on payroll expenses.

While the Paycheck Protection Program is currently scheduled to expire on March 31, Congress is working to extend this deadline and provide flexibility for borrowers and lenders.

Expansion of SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program (as of March 2021)

The American Rescue Plan allocates \$15 billion for the Targeted EIDL Advance program. This program is specifically for EIDL applicants in low-income communities who previously received a partial EIDL Advance (less than the \$10,000 maximum amount) or who applied but did not receive any funds due to a lack of programmatic funding.

No action from applicants is necessary at this time. The SBA will proactively reach out to eligible businesses about additional relief.

New SBA “Restaurant Revitalization Grant” Program in ARP (as of March 2021)

The American Rescue Plan authorizes \$28.6 billion for a new grant program through the Small Business Administration to provide assistance for restaurants and other food and drink establishments. Grants will be available for up to \$10 million per entity and will be calculated by subtracting 2020 revenue from 2019 revenue. Funds may be used for a wide variety of expenses including payroll, mortgage, rent, utilities, supplies, food and beverage expenses, paid sick leave, and operational expenses. Restaurants owned and operated by women, veterans, and socially or economically disadvantaged individuals will receive priority in the first 21 days of the application being open.

The application process for this grant fund is still under development. We will update this fact sheet as more information becomes available, and we encourage you to visit www.sba.gov for the latest information.

New SBA “Shuttered Venue Operators Grant” Program (as of March 2021)

The American Rescue Plan provides \$1.25 billion in grants for live venue operators, including theaters, museums, live performing arts centers, and other similar facilities. Grants will be equal to 45% of gross revenues during 2019, up to a maximum amount of \$10 million. Additional details about the program, including more information about eligibility for venues, can be found here.

The SBA has not opened the application portal, but they expect to begin accepting applications for the program in early April. We will update this fact sheet as more information becomes available, and we encourage you to visit www.sba.gov for the latest information.