



## Economic Development COVID-19 Update

The House of Representatives is expected to pass the Paycheck and Healthcare Enhancement Act later this morning. The legislation will refill the PPP and EIDL programs as well as provide additional funding for our rural hospitals. Below you will find two one-page summaries of different parts of the legislation and below is a breakdown of the various parts of the bill. As always, if you have questions about these resources or any other issue, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to help!

### **Small Business Lending**

PPP Reauthorization: An additional \$310 billion for small businesses

EIDL Loans: \$60 billion has been allocated for the SBA's EIDL program.

**\*\*Agriculture entities are now eligible to apply for those funds\*\***

Unsure which lenders in your community have participated in the PPP program? Use the SBA Lender Finder to find participating institutions:

<https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find>

*\*\* If you are a business that has an interest in applying for PPP funding, I would encourage you to immediately touch base with lenders and have your application ready to submit. As we saw with the first round of funding, these additional funds will go quickly and it will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. \*\**

### **Healthcare Funding**

Hospital Reimbursement: \$75 billion for reimbursement to hospitals and healthcare providers to support the need for COVID-related expenses and revenues. This is in addition to the \$100 billion provided in the CARES Act.

Expanded Testing Capabilities: \$25 billion to increase testing capacity - \$2 billion will go directly to the states to help them improve testing infrastructure

**Find all of our coronavirus-related resources at:**

[Marshall.House.Gov/Coronavirus](https://Marshall.House.Gov/Coronavirus)

## **Other Announcements:**

**White House Plan for Opening America:** We wanted to share with you the President's plan for reopening America.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/#phase-one> It will be up to the states to review these guidelines and determine if they have met the criteria for reopening.

**PPE Suppliers:** Do you have a company in your community manufacturing PPE on a large or small scale? We want to create a list of PPE suppliers to share with healthcare providers, manufacturers and others searching for PPE equipment to keep employees healthy and on the job. Please send any company names, product(s) manufactured and contact information to me at [katie.sawyer@mail.house.gov](mailto:katie.sawyer@mail.house.gov).

**USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Webinar:** The USDA Rural Development office will hold a webinar to inform participants about the changes in the program from the first application window, review major eligibility and regulatory requirements and provide guidance on how to submit a successful grant application. The webinar will be offered from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. EST on Tuesday, May 5. You can register for the DLT webinar [here](#). We recommend you register early to reserve your spot and run a system check to ensure quick access on the day of the webinar.

**USDA Approves Kansas Hemp Production Plan:** The USDA has approved Kansas' hemp plan, allowing the state to move forward with the implementation of its program. The [2018 Farm Bill \(pdf\)](#) directed USDA to establish a national regulatory framework for hemp production in the United States. USDA established the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program through an interim final rule and states are required to submit their plans for final approval or operate under the federal framework. The Kansas Department of Agriculture proposed Kansas Administrative Rules and Regulations to regulate a Commercial Industrial Hemp Program and submitted a plan to USDA-AMS for inclusion into the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program in January 2020. The USDA approval allows the state to now work from its own guidelines and regulations. Click [here](#) to learn more about the state's program: <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/plant-protect-weed-control/industrial-hemp>.

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