

COVID - Business Resources

Reopening Guidance Tool - Tool provides information about what sectors and activities are generally permitted in baseline, phase one and phase two of Oregon's reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic - <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3461.pdf>

More detailed sector level guidance (half-way down the page "Guidance Based on County Risk Level" - <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Multnomah County Business Reopening Tools Website - <https://multco.us/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/businesses-and-employers-covid-19-guidance>

Prosper Portland Reopening Resources - <https://prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/reopening-resources/> - information and resources including digital marketing materials, printable posters, etc.

Questions from Businesses about Guidelines can be sent to Business Oregon's Navigator Hotline: 1-833-604-0880

Prosper Portland Covid-19 Hotline: 503-823-3297 - must leave message for a call back. > Sign up for updates - <https://mailchi.mp/prosperportland/covid-19>

Prosper list of COVID Business Resources - <https://prosperportland.us/covid-19-business-resources/>

Prosper Portland Local Small Business Repair Grants (January 2021 update) - provide near-term support for small businesses impacted by the pandemic. Grants will be available throughout the city where businesses have immediate repair needs that do not require a permit. If you have any questions, please contact us at 503-823-3285. Application online at <https://prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/local-small-business-repair-reopening-grant/>

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act from March 2020 included \$367 billion in small business loans through the Small Business Administration including the creation of an employee retention tax credit. **As of 4/24/20 a second round of federal funding of \$349 billion to the SBA was allocated for the PPP and EIDL programs.**

Programs resumed January 11, 2021 after additional federal funding was allocated.

> **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)** - <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance#section-header-0> Includes an up grant of UP TO \$10k

> **SBA Paycheck Protection Program** – Loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus crisis - <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

FAQ - https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/Paycheck-Protection-Program-Frequently-Asked-Questions_05%2013%2020_2.pdf

Workshare Oregon – <http://www.oregonworkshare.org>, 503-714-5989

Employees that would not normally qualify for unemployment insurance because they are still working and make too much money, may be able to receive a portion of UI benefits as a subsidized portion of lost wage if employers reduces hours and has an agreement in place with the State Employment Division. **Businesses need to contact Workshare Oregon to make arrangements** – 503-714-5989 (phone line staffed between 1-4pm)

COVID Workforce Response Line: 503-714-5989 - workforce support services including job finding help, unemployment information, other financial support services. **Washington County** - 503-766-5696

Primary Small Business Support Resources:

- **Business Oregon COVID-19 Resources for Business website** - <http://www.oregon4biz.com/Coronavirus-Information/> - resources on how to access capital through a variety of loan products. **Phone: 1-833-604-0880**
- **Greater Portland Inc.** website for resources for Greater Portland area businesses affected by COVID-19 - <https://greaterportlandinc.com/covid-business-resources>. Phone: 971-722-5080, sbdc@pcc.edu

Other Local Small Business Support Resources:

- > **CCD Business Development Corp** - microlending loan program focused on COVID-19 needs, <https://www.ccdbusiness.org/ccd-covid-19-loan-program/>, **541-756-4101**
- > **Oregon Community Foundation** - grants for nonprofits and small businesses, <https://oregoncf.org/covid/apply-for-funding/>, **503-227-6846**
- > **Business For A Better Portland** - forum for posting and receiving resources from the Portland business community - <https://bbpdx.switchboardhq.com/>
- > **MercyCorps NW** - <https://www.mercycorpsnw.org>, **503-896-5070**
- > **Oregon Entrepreneur Network resource listing** - <https://www.oen.org/2020/03/23/rona-resources-2/>, **503-222-2270**, info@oen.org
- > **SCORE** - nationwide nonprofit organization dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses, <https://portlandor.score.org/>, scorepdx@scorevolunteer.org, 503-326-5211
- > **Small Business Development Center** - one-on-one business advising with training programs taught by business experts, giving small business clients resources they need to grow, <https://www.pcc.edu/climb/small-business>, sbdc@pcc.edu, 971-722-5080

Prosper Portland is **deferring loan payments** for THEIR borrowers for 3-months and offering commercial tenants in buildings THEY own **rent relief** in the form of a 3-month deferral. lending@prosperportland.us. There are other lenders in the area providing similar loan deferrals so local businesses are encouraged to inquire with their banks. The City CANNOT mandate rent relief on commercial buildings so businesses should ask their property management company directly about rent relief. The City of Portland Facilities Division is also granting 3 months of rent relief to tenants in their buildings.

Inclusive Business Resource Network - a citywide program through Prosper Portland that brings multiple services for small business into a single network. Services include micro loans, seed funding and business loans, legal support, accounting, market research. See website for members and contacts - <https://prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/inclusive-business-resource-network/>

Landlords:

Prosper Resources for Commercial Tenants and Landlords - <https://prosperportland.us/covid-19-tenant-landlord-resources/>

Rent Moratorium for Commercial Properties - April 1, 2020 - Executive Order 20-13 - Governor placed a moratorium on commercial evictions for nonpayment. Executive Order 20-13 - https://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/eo_20-13.aspx **Extended to 12/31/20**

Venture Portland Commercial Tenant Letter to Landlord letter template - <http://ventureportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Commercial-Tenant-Letter-to-Landlords-COVID-19.pdf>

Article shared by Prosper Portland for business tenants guide to rent relief - <https://www.archonca.com/blog/the-tenants-guide-to-rent-relief/>

City Beaverton Business Assistance -

<https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/EmergencyBizAssistance>, **503-629-6437**

City of Gresham Business Assistance - <https://greshamoregon.gov/Small-Business-Grants/>, **503-618-3000**

City of Hillsboro Business Assistance - <https://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/our-city/covid-19/business-resources>, **503-681-6100**

City of Lake Oswego Business Assistance - <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/business-assistance-grant-program>, **503-635-0270**

Nonprofits:

Oregon Community Foundation has a grant program for CBOs, 2021 Community Grants Program - <https://oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants/community-grant-program/>, Phone: 503-227-6846, <https://oregoncf.org/>

Non-Profit Organization Assistance - <https://nonprofitoregon.org/news/covid-19-resources#business> Phone: 503-239-4001

Historic Information/Resources

Prosper Portland Contact: Nai Zhao, **503-823-3140**; Amy Fleck-Rosete, **503-823-9036**; Thalia Martinez, **503-823-4736**

Mayor has convened the **Portland COVID-19 Economic Impact & Intervention Task Force** led by Prosper Portland to identify ways to help local businesses as we face the economic impacts of this public health emergency. Prosper Portland is working with this task force to continue to find additional resources from local, state and federal resources to support the broad Portland business community. Sign up for updates at <https://mailchi.mp/prosperportland/covid-19>

Multnomah County Restaurant and Food Cart COVID-19 Relief Grants -The Governor announced on 11/17/20 that the State would be distributing \$55 million in small business assistance to Counties. About \$7 million for Multnomah County - Licensed restaurants and food carts in Multnomah County with 5 or fewer operator licenses can apply for grants of \$500 per license for food carts and \$1500 per license for restaurants and other food service licenses. Funds may be used for any operational expenses. Application deadline was December 18, 2020. If eligible check will be mailed by 12/30/20. If you have not received check by 1/15/21 call 503-988-3400.

East Multnomah County Small Business Relief Fund - from 12/10/20 to 12/14/20 a grant application will be open for qualifying businesses to apply for \$2500 grants from the Portland Business Alliance. Apply online at <https://portlandalliance.com/emcgrants>, Questions: **503-552-6761**, questions@portlandalliance.com Approximately \$1 million total in grants will be awarded to businesses located in the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village and unincorporated areas of Multnomah County. Applicants will be notified by 12/30/20 and funds distributed by 3/31/21. To qualify businesses must have revenue not exceeding \$2 million in tax year 2019 and have a registered license as of January 1, 2020.

Haymarket Pole Collective COVID-relief for Oregon strippers and sex workers - \$600,000 in financial assistance via the OHA health equity grants to provide assistance for 75 people who can receive up to \$1600 in rent assistance, \$500 in utility assistance and \$150 toward internet services. Another 200 applicants will receive wellness totes that include mail-in COVID test, STD test, reusable masks, hygiene supplies, sanitizer products, gas and grocery gift cards, etc. Application closed Dec 1 with funds distributed by Dec 30th. Applications at <https://www.haymarketpole.com/>

Through the **Open for Business (OFB) Fund**, Wells Fargo will donate gross processing fees generated from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to support nonprofits with strategies focused on supporting small businesses. Applications due Fri, Oct 23.

<https://www08.wellsfargomedia.com/assets/pdf/about/corporate-responsibility/open-for-business-fund.pdf>, smallbusinessphilanthropy@wellsfargo.com

CARES Act Local Relief Fund Small Business Grants - Applications closed September 25, 2020.

\$15 million in grants of up to \$25,000 for small businesses (defined as businesses with less than \$5 million in gross annual revenue), sole proprietors and also some non-profits. To qualify, in addition to being a small business, businesses must show that they have had a decline in revenue since March 1, 2020. Documentation not required as part of the application but may be asked to provide verification information if their initial application is chosen for verification. They will be prioritizing people of color but funds will be used to serve applicants across multiple demographics. **Applicants notified October 14, 2020.**

PDXcares Venue Support Program is an allocation of \$2.5 million to help businesses and non-profits organizations defined as “venues”. Most concert venues, theaters, etc. have been closed since March so this program is primarily to help them. Will be administered through RACC and applications opened Wednesday 9/2 **and closed Wednesday 9/23.** <https://racc.org/2020/09/04/pdxcares-new-funding-opportunities/>

Business Oregon/Credit Unions COVID-19 Emergency Business Grant Program - \$2500-12500 grants available for Oregon businesses with fewer than 25 employees. Applications through 4 credit unions. **Point West** - <https://www.pointwestcu.com/bizgrants/>, **Consolidated Community** - <https://www.consolidatedccu.com/covid-grant>, **Trailhead Credit Union, and Central Willamette Credit Union**

Small Business Program for Utility Relief (SPUR) - City program to assist approximately 200-300 small businesses with credit of between \$1,000-\$10,000 on its sewer/stormwater/water bill. Program administered by Prosper Portland with priority given to minority and women-owned businesses. Applications were open July 8-22, 2020 - NOT first come, first serve - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/smallbiz> Questions: 503-823-7770

Portland Small Business Relief Fund - \$2 Million Relief Fund for businesses approved 3/26/20 by City Council, application period for \$1 million in grants was 3/30/20 to 4/1/20 with grant decisions made by Prosper Portland on 4/7/20. 210 businesses received grants out of 8,777 qualified applicants. Sign up for updates from Prosper Portland for additional future grant funding information should it become available. Demographic information on recipients - <https://prosperportland.us/prosper-portland-awards-1-million-in-small-business-relief-grants-data/> **List of grantees** - <https://prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/portland-small-business-relief-fund/>

\$1 million in **zero-interest loans** up to \$50k for businesses with \$5 million or less in annual gross revenue launched 4/8 and application process ran through 4/11 with awards made on 4/15. 30 businesses have been selected and notified. Craft3 is the nonprofit lender administering loans. More info - <https://prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/portland-small-business-relief-fund/> Resolution 7363 - <http://prosperportland.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Resolution-7363.pdf>

Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO) - as of 6/8/20 will be offering a forgivable loans program for small businesses. Up to 40% of the loans can be forgiven if borrowers meet certain criteria. **Inquiry Form** - <https://www.mesopdx.org>

Save Small Business Fund - nationwide grantmaking initiative led by US Chamber of Commerce Foundation offering short-term relief for small employers in economically vulnerable communities (these communities are identified by zip code - check website to see if zip code qualifies as only some Portland area zip codes do) negatively impacted by Covid19. <https://www.savesmallbusiness.com/> Applications online and go live 4/20/20 at noon.

Main Street Lending Program - Federal Reserve providing roughly \$600 billion in loans to businesses with interest rates from 2.5-4%. Applications are through local banks. <https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/mainstreetlending.htm>
The Program terminated on January 8, 2021.

Oregon Business Development Emergency Small Business Fund - The Oregon Legislative Emergency Board approved \$10 million for financial assistance for small businesses affected by COVID-19 that have NOT received federal emergency assistance under the CARES Act. Funds were made available through Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI).

Enhanced Innovation Grant Program for Tech Companies - Biz Oregon and Oregon Innovation Council grant fund for up to 5 proposals (\$50k each) to commercialize a technology to address COVID-19 and move to economic recovery. <https://development.oregon4biz.com/acton/rif/14786/s-0463-2012/-/l-0007:9a/q-000c/showPreparedMessage?sid=TV2:E0Sw89hIP>

Child Care Providers may apply for the federal Emergency Child Care (ECC) grant program. Applications opened on 5/1 and close 5/11 - <https://oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources/Grants> Grant amounts up to \$18k, all applicants who meet criteria will receive a grant.

Jade District Small Business Grants - Prosper Portland - nearly \$200,000 of grants were awarded to 31 small businesses on March 27th. This was the City's first COVID19 assistance program which started with the Jade District because it felt the earliest impacts of COVID-19 due to unfounded fear of patronizing Asian businesses. email - covidsupport@apano.org