Keep Calm & Small Business on

Our office continues to be committed to offering the highest quality assistance to MA Small businesses. Staff members will be checking email and voicemail and will respond accordingly. We will continue to monitor the most up-to-date information to best serve our business community. If you need assistance at the office, please email us!

Schedule an appointment today by emailing SBDC@clarku.edu and by registering for free at https://bit.ly/3af2liw to address all of your questions.

Other Resources:
SBA.gov: SBA offers disaster assistance in response to COVID-19.
Mass.gov: The Massachusetts state website has the latest information on COVID-19.
  - Reopening Instructions/Guidance: mass.gov/reopening
America's SBDC: America's SBDC has gathered helpful information and resources on COVID-19.
MSBDC.org has a dedicated COVID-19 page with helpful resources and articles.
SCORE: source of free business mentoring and education.
  - Central MA

Changes to Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting program


Once the new WOSB Federal Contracting Program regulations go into effect:
- SBA will provide a new, free online certification process for WOSBs and EDWOSBs.
- SBA will allow participation from firms certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Center of Verification and Evaluations, provided they meet all eligibility requirements.
- SBA will allow continued participation from businesses that utilize approved ThirdParty Certifiers (TPC) to obtain WOSB or EDWOSB certification.
- SBA will eliminate the current selfcertification option from certify.sba.gov, effective October 15, 2020.
To apply for forgiveness of your Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, you (the Borrower) must complete this application as directed in these instructions, and submit it to your Lender (or the Lender that is servicing your loan). Borrowers may also complete this application electronically through their Lender.

**This application has the following components:**
1. the PPP Loan Forgiveness Calculation Form
2. PPP Schedule A;
3. the PPP Schedule A Worksheet; and
4. the (optional) PPP Borrower Demographic Information Form.


**PPP Frequently Asked Questions Updated**

Got your PPP funds now or waiting to receive and unsure of how to use it? Consult with any of our resource partners by booking a virtual session today.
Visit [Treasury.gov](https://treasury.gov) and [SBA.gov](https://sba.gov) regularly to stay up-to-date on the latest guidance being released.
For example, the Frequently Asked Questions document continues to regularly update, check out the latest answers: [https://bit.ly/2TNdNwC](https://bit.ly/2TNdNwC)

**Cash Assistance Search Tool**

Covidcap.com is a searchable database of over $1 trillion in COVID-19 cash relief resources available to small business and nonprofit entrepreneurs everywhere. This resource currently contains listings with more than $1 trillion in relief, with more than 750 unique resources and operating in 6 Continents as well as 62 Countries.

Yes. SBA may review any PPP loan, as the Administrator deems appropriate, as described below.

The Administrator is authorized to review the following:

- **Borrower Eligibility**: The Administrator may review whether a borrower is eligible for the PPP loan based on the provisions of the CARES Act, the rules and guidance available at the time of the borrower's PPP loan application, and the terms of the borrower's loan application. See FAQ 17 (posted April 6, 2020).

1. **SBA Reviews of Individual PPP Loans**
   a. **Will SBA review individual PPP loans?**
      - Yes. SBA may review any PPP loan, as the Administrator deems appropriate, as described below.
   b. **What borrower representations and statements will SBA review?**
      - The Administrator is authorized to review the following:
        - Borrower Eligibility: The Administrator may review whether a borrower is eligible for the PPP loan based on the provisions of the CARES Act, the rules and guidance available at the time of the borrower's PPP loan application, and the terms of the borrower's loan application. See FAQ 17 (posted April 6, 2020).

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MSBDC and SCORE also have multilingual counselors and mentors that can assist small business owners.

- Schedule a session with SCORE: [https://bit.ly/2Xiq0dF](https://bit.ly/2Xiq0dF)

Additionally, **Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation** has put together Technical Assistance and Multilingual Translation services for the Paycheck Protection Program. >[https://bit.ly/2WRw1bJ](https://bit.ly/2WRw1bJ)

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The web platform launched under the CARES Act contains information to assist small business with surviving and recovering from the effects, physical, financial and economic of the Covid-19 pandemic. **This platform will consolidate all information obtained from multiple federal agency resources and make it accessible in an organized format with searchable functionality.**

The other function of the website will be a training and learning platform for SBDC, WBC, SCORE and VBOC advisers. Recognizing the urgency of this project due to the economic pressures on small business concerns, America's SBDC and AWBC envision the project rolling out in multiple phases, prioritizing the needs of small business concerns.

The training platform for small business advisors will feature live content, author interactive learning experiences, support of SCORM content, forums, communication and collaboration features and more. chat feature for learner collaboration. The expected launch date for the training platform is June 2020.

The public website, **COVID-SB.ORG** is now live and can be accessed by anyone looking for federal information related to COVID-19 and small business.
Upcoming FREE Webinars

Supporting Behavioral Health Needs in the Workplace
Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 10AM (EST)
REGISTER: https://bit.ly/3g9SzT1

Recalls, Refusals & The Future of Unemployment
Wednesday, June 3, 2020 2PM (EST)
REGISTER: https://bit.ly/3cKoWWq

Update on PPP Forgiveness & MA Reopening
Thursday, June 4, 2020 10AM (EST)
REGISTER: https://bit.ly/2M6PCoH

Virtual education, training, and networking sessions are happening daily. See more at:

- SBA Learning Center
- SCORE Trainings
- WRCOC Calendar
- MSBDC FULL CALENDAR
- CWE Online Learning

Phishing & How to Prevent Attacks
Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 8:30AM (EST)
REGISTER: https://bit.ly/2zWBknA

Orientación y Recursos Para Pequeñas Empresas

Ayuda con la segunda ronda PPP en Español, Haitian Kreole & Portugués
https://hubs.ly/H0q28ns0

Aplicación para solicitar seguro de desempleo en español con teléfono móvil
https://bit.ly/35mg1aT

Recursos gratuitos y Fondos de emergencia
$10,000 están disponibles específicamente para los fundadores Hispanos. Más información en https://rb.gy/trvhga

Opciones de Asistencia de SBA

Recursos para pequeñas empresas
Sitio de SBA
Amplify Latinx Facebook Page
Black Economic Council Website
Contact your SBDC business advisor. We're here and want to help. 508-793-7615.

Share the SBDC website link with a friend, family member, or colleague if they own a business. [https://www.clarku.edu/offices/small-business-development-center/](https://www.clarku.edu/offices/small-business-development-center/)

Like us on our Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/sbdcatclark/](https://www.facebook.com/sbdcatclark/) for regular updates, tips and ways to connect with our office.

To opt into our weekly newsletter and receive updates from the SBDC at Clark, email [sbdc@clarku.edu](mailto:sbdc@clarku.edu).

The Small Business Development Center at Clark University is committed to helping your business succeed in Massachusetts. We provide free, confidential, one-on-one business assistance and free or low-cost educational training programs to prospective and existing small businesses throughout the state in order to foster the start, growth, and sustainability of these businesses.

A partnership program with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Massachusetts Office of Business Development under cooperative agreement [SBAHQ20B0022](https://www.sba.gov) through the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Isenberg School of Management. SBDCs are a program supported by SBA and extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. SBA cannot endorse any products, opinions or services of any external parties or activities. By contacting our office and requesting at least two weeks in advance, every attempt will be made to reasonably accommodate persons with disabilities and those who need translation services.