



## **Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loan Fund**

The State of Maryland is offering emergency relief loans for the benefit of small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This COVID-19 Emergency Relief \$75M Loan Fund offers working capital to assist Maryland for-profit small businesses disrupted operations due to COVID-19. Loan assistance is intended to provide interim relief complementing actions with its bank, business interruption insurance, and financial partners.

### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Loans are available, up to \$50,000 (not to exceed three months of cash operating expenses) for Maryland businesses impacted by the COVID-19 with fewer than 50 employees.
- The loans will be payable over 48 months
- The interest rates are 0% for the first 12 months, and 2% for the remaining 36 months.
- Deferral of any payments is available for the first 12 months, and will follow straight amortization beginning in the 13th month through the 36th months.
- Business must be established prior to March 9, 2020 and in good standing.
- Two years of historical financial statements and most recent interim statement to benchmark revenue against (if available).
- Must prepare either a six-month pro forma of estimated lost revenue or produce other documented loss evidence.
- Applicant must have a minimum personal credit score of 575.
- There are no collateral requirements.
- Eligible uses include: working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of operations.

The business must demonstrate financial stress or disrupted operations, which may include but are not limited to:

- Notices from tenants closing operations and not paying rent caused by loss of income.
- Notice of inability to pay rent or make loan payments due to reduced sales, suspended operations.
- Increased cost related to COVID-19 prevention measures.
- Notice of disrupted supply network leading to shortage of critical inventory or materials.
- Other circumstances subject to review on a case by case basis.

To apply, visit <https://marylandcommerce.wufoo.com/forms/small-business-covid19-emergency-loan-relief-fund/>

Required documents and information can be found on the attached checklist.

If you have any questions about the process, the qualifications, or need assistance in filing, please contact Morgan Dilks, Esq., at 410-659-1317 or at [mdilks@wcsllaw.com](mailto:mdilks@wcsllaw.com).