

# Information Update

## Programs for COVID-19 Financial Relief

Dear Valued Tenant:

We wanted to let you know that there are some new and newly-enhanced government programs that can provide tenants with grants and forgivable loans to cover payroll, rent and other obligations during this difficult time.

The first two of these three initiatives should be pursued immediately as funding amounts are limited and deadlines for application are quickly approaching. Moreover, we're told that response times for these first two initiatives are quick and that they could therefore provide funds for a tenant's most immediate needs.

The final initiative, known as the SBA Protection Loan Program, offers significantly higher funding limits and is administered by SBA-approved lenders rather than by the government itself. We're told that the prior receipt of funds from an MEDC grant or loan will not limit an applicant's ability to obtain proceeds from the SBA Protection Loan Program, but that SBA Protection Loan proceeds will be reduced by the amount of a previously obtained SBA Disaster Advance Loan to the extent that the monies for both are intended to be used for the same purpose.

### 1. MEDC GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAMS

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is providing both grants and loans to small businesses in Michigan that have suffered income loss as a result COVID-19. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to companies with less than 50 employees while low interest loans of \$50,000 to \$200,000 are available to businesses with fewer than 100 employees.

Grant and loan origination is handled at the county level, so please visit your county website to determine application procedures and timelines. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

***If eligible, we recommend that you pursue these grants and loans immediately as funds are limited and deadlines for making application are quickly approaching.***

Also, please know that we've been instructed that any receipt of grant or loan monies under this MEDC program will not limit your ability to receive additional funds under the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Advance or Paycheck Protection Loan Programs described below.

### 2. SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER ADVANCE LOAN PROGRAM

Under the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, small businesses (500 employees or less) sole proprietors and qualified non-profits are eligible to receive loan advances of up to \$10,000. ***Funds are made available within 3 days of a successful application and there is no repayment obligation.***

You can apply for a loan under the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Advance Loan Program by clicking [HERE](#).

### 3. SBA PROTECTION LOAN PROGRAM

For more substantial needs, the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program provides small business (500 employees or less), sole proprietors and qualified non-profits with the opportunity to obtain **non-recourse** loans equal to the lesser of 2.5 months of eligible payroll costs or \$10,000,000. Click [HERE](#) to access the Paycheck Protection Application.

These loans can be used to fund covered expenses including payroll (including salaries, insurance premiums and health care benefits), interest on mortgage obligations, **rent**, utilities and interest on other outstanding debts and obligations.

***And, best of all, these loans may be forgiven (i.e., you won't have to pay them back) for the amount of the loan that is used to pay for covered expenses over the 8 week period after the loan is made.***

Paycheck Protection loans are being made by the Small Business Administration's network of 1,800 approved lenders that process small business loans. If you are interested in pursuing one of these loans, you should first contact your bank to see if it is an SBA-approved lender. If your bank is not an SBA-approved lender, then you may wish to contact one of the leading SBA lenders in Michigan. Click [HERE](#) for a list of SBA Lenders in Michigan, or simply contact the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955.

Please note that we are providing you with the content contained in this letter for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing either legal or financial advice. As always, you should contact your attorney and/or financial advisor to obtain advice with respect to any particular issue or problem.

Stay safe and healthy. And best of luck in pursuing relief funds from these programs!