



# St. Charles Economic Development COVID-19 Business Resources

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)**

Everyone fully expects Louisiana's "SBA Declared Disaster" request to be approved within the next 72 hours. The approved declaration for Louisiana will be found at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Declarations/Index>. Businesses and non-profits will then be able to apply to the SBA for an *Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)*. Businesses and non-profits can learn details and apply by visiting <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/EIDLLoans>. We recommend that impacted business owners/operators begin to familiarize themselves with the application requirements in order to shorten the processing timeline.

### **REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS LOANS**

Our regional small business loan programs continue to be available to local businesses. Loans can be used for working capital and funds carry a 4% interest rate. We are working with our partner and loan administrator, South Central Planning & Development Commission, to develop a streamlined process to accommodate the short-term economic damages resulting from this crisis. You can visit, <http://www.scpdc.org/programs/smallbusinessloans/> to learn more.

### **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The Louisiana Workforce Commission announced its *Unemployment Information for Workers and Employers*. COVID-19 impacted employers and workers may be eligible for benefits and can learn more by visiting [http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/PR/COVID\\_19\\_Information.pdf](http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/PR/COVID_19_Information.pdf).

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## GENERAL RESOURCES

### **ST. CHARLES PARISH COVID-19**

For a complete listing of local announcements and information, please visit <https://www.stcharlesparish-la.gov/government/special-sections/covid-19>.

### **LED**

LED (La. Economic Development) has launched a resource page of useful information for those businesses adjusting to the coronavirus pandemic, <https://www.opportunitylouisiana.com/covid-19-assistance>.

### **LDH**

La. Dept. of Health, updated twice a day. <http://ldh.la.gov/coronavirus/>

### **LBEOC**

The State has activated the *Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center (LBEOC)*. Businesses are encouraged to register at [https://labeoc.org/resources/activation/covid19/COVID-19\\_Business\\_Guidance.pdf](https://labeoc.org/resources/activation/covid19/COVID-19_Business_Guidance.pdf) to receive updates and information about COVID-19 resources and to participate in recovery efforts.

### **US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The US Chamber of Commerce has activated the Disaster Help Desk to assist businesses affected by COVID-19. Visit <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/disaster-help-desk-business> for further information.