

Economic Relief is On the Way

This morning's bipartisan nearly \$2 trillion emergency relief package for coronavirus aid and economic relief agreement contains \$330 billion in new funding to address the needs of the American people to combat coronavirus. The agreement provides critical and immediate financial relief for small businesses. This critical funding for the American people includes:

- **\$1 billion** for the Defense Production Act to bolster domestic supply chains, allowing industry to increase production of personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and other urgently necessary medical supplies.
 - The executive branch may apply a priority rating to its contracts which requires them to prioritize over any competing obligations, including prior commitments to commercial partners.
 - The executive branch may create, maintain, protect, expand, or restore domestic industrial base capabilities essential to the national defense through a variety of mechanisms, including purchasing or making purchase commitments of industrial resources or critical technology items.
 - **Federal Priorities and Allocation System**
 - The Federal Priorities and Allocations System (FPAS) is a body of five regulations that establishes standards and procedures for implementing the President's priorities authority. These regulations incorporate similar standards and procedures but are issues and administered, separately, by five federal departments.
 - *Agriculture Priorities and Allocations System*, administered by the USDA with respect to food resources, food resource facilities, livestock resources, veterinary resources, plant health resources, and the domestic distribution of farm equipment and commercial fertilizer.
 - *Health Resources Priorities and Allocations System* administered by HHS with respect to health resources. This includes, drugs, biological products, medical devices, facilities, health supplies, services and equipment required to diagnose, mitigate or prevent the impairment of, improve, treat, cure, or restore the physical mental health conditions of the population.
 - The decision to place a priority rating in a contract or order begins with an Authorized Competent Official who is a Delegated Senior Official (DSO). A DSO is a Department of Homeland Security

official who has been delegated authority by the Administrator of FEMA to direct use of priority ratings in crates and orders supporting DHS approved programs.

- A business must accept a rated order, when the ordered material or services is normally sold by the business and the business is capable of meeting the specified delivery requirements.
- [Procedures to Place a Priority-Rated Contract Order](#)
- [Health Resource Priority and Allocation System Regulations](#)
- [Agriculture Priorities and Allocation System Regulations](#)
- [Doing Business with FEMA](#)
- ***\$4.3 billion*** to support federal, state, and local public health agencies to prevent, prepare, and respond to the coronavirus, including for the purchase of PPE, laboratory testing, infection control and mitigation at the local level to prevent the spread of the virus and other preparedness and response activities.
- ***More than \$6.5 billion*** in federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Economic Development Administration, and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership to mitigate the local economic crisis and rebuild impacted industries like manufacturing supply chains.
 - **The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)** is a public-private partnership, designed as a cost-share program. MEP works with small and mid-sized U.S. manufacturers to help them create and retain jobs, increase profits, and save time and money.
 - [MEP's Notice of Funding Opportunities](#)
- ***Small Business Administration Funding***
 - ***\$17 billion*** for SBA to cover 6 months of payments for small businesses with existing SBA loans.
 - ***\$10 billion*** for emergency grants of up to \$10,000 for immediate relief for operating costs.



- ***\$562 million*** to ensure the Small Business Administration (SBA) has the resources to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to businesses that need relief.
- Rent, mortgage and utility costs are ***now eligible*** for SBA loan forgiveness.
- [SBA Loans](#)
- [SBA Investment Capital](#)
- [SBA's Disaster Assistance](#)
- [SBA Surety Bonds](#)
- [SBA's Grant Opportunities](#)