



# NEWS RELEASE

## Workforce Development Board

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### CARES Act provides loans, grants, support for small businesses

Small businesses in San Bernardino County can apply for assistance under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES), signed into law last week.

The San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) reports that the \$2.2 trillion emergency relief package contains a variety of measures designed to assist small businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

**Paycheck Protection Program**, providing cash-flow assistance in the form of loans to small businesses harmed by COVID-19 between February 15 and June 30. The loans would be forgiven if the small businesses maintain their payrolls during that period. More information on the Paycheck Protection Program is available [here](#).

**Emergency Economic Injury Grant**, providing an advance of up to \$10,000. To qualify, businesses must first apply for an SBA Economic injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). More information on the Emergency Economic Injury Grant program is available [here](#).

**Small Business Debt Relief Program**, providing immediate relief to small businesses worried about keeping up with payments on their current or potential SBA loans. More information on the Small Business Debt Relief Program is available [here](#).

**Resource partners**, free counseling and support for small businesses during these difficult times. More information on the resource partners program is available [here](#).

A complete rundown of the benefits and support available under the CARES Act is available [online](#). In addition, WDB provides a variety of support services for businesses, including webinars, employment training, a rapid response program for businesses planning to downsize, and a free human resources hotline.

"Our message to small business negatively impacted by the coronavirus crisis is that there is support available. You're not alone, and our team of Business Services professionals is here to help," said Phil Cothran, WDB Chairman.

To learn more about WDB's Business Services team, click [here](#).

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## **About the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board**

The San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. The WDB strives to strengthen the skills of the County's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is committed to providing county resources, which generate jobs and investment in line with the [Countywide Vision](#).

The Workforce Development Board, through the San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, offers a variety of programs designed to help youth and adults identify career pathways and get the appropriate training and skills. Programs funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provide eligible youth, ages 16 to 24, access to a variety of career and educational services designed to help enhance job skills, develop leadership qualities, explore career options, participate in adult and peer mentoring opportunities, and take advantage of work experiences. In addition, the WDB operates San Bernardino County's three America's Job Centers of California (AJCC). The AJCCs provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life. The AJCCs also support and provide services to the County's businesses, including employee recruitment and business retention programs.

Employers and job seekers who are interested in the Workforce Development Board programs may call: (800) 451-JOBS or visit [www.sbccounty.gov/workforce](http://www.sbccounty.gov/workforce). Also follow us on: Facebook [www.facebook.com/SBCountyWDB](https://www.facebook.com/SBCountyWDB); Twitter [@InlandEmpireJob](https://twitter.com/InlandEmpireJob); LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sanbernardinocountywdb>; and YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/SBCountyWIB>.