

Emergency Bridge Loan Program for Small Businesses (STATE)

Financial support is available for small businesses and Non-Profits in Florida. Short term, interest free loans are available offering cash immediately to lessen the impact felt as a result of COVID-19.

- **Does my business qualify?** Small business owners in Florida established before March 9, 2020 with 2-100 employees that demonstrate economic impacts as a result of COVID-19 qualify to apply. The Business Damage Assessment survey can be found at [FloridaDisaster.BIZ](https://www.floridadisaster.biz) and select COVID-19 from the drop-down menu on the survey page.
- **How quickly can I apply?** The application period opens March 17, 2020 and runs through May 8, 2020.
- **When will I have to repay?** These loans are interest free for up to one year and the DEO will work with every borrower to help ensure that repayment is not an overwhelming burden.

To learn more: For more information on the program, visit www.floridadisasterloan.org. Direct questions to the Florida Small Business Development Center Network at 386-737-7232 during regular hours or email Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org.

Reemployment Assistance

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) encourages any Floridian whose employment has been negatively impacted as a result of COVID-19 to visit [Floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org) and click on the **Reemployment Assistance Service Center** to learn more about the program and to watch a short video on how to apply. <http://www.floridajobs.org/>

Small Business Bridge Loans

Governor Ron DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), provides short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced economic injury from COVID-19. [Click here](#) for more information.