

New -- Add to Small Business section AND Farms and On-Farm Producers

Pace University/NRDC Food and Beverage Law Clinic COVID-19 Legal Support Project

<https://law.pace.edu/food-and-beverage-law-clinic>

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In response to the COVID-19 emergency, the Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative has launched the COVID-19 Legal Support Project. The project will provide pro bono legal services by the Food and Beverage Law Clinic at Elisabeth Haub School of Law and by attorneys at Shearman & Sterling LLP to new and existing clients affected by this crisis who cannot afford market-rate legal services. This initiative will help food and beverage businesses navigate the growing number of federal, state, and private relief programs, face legal challenges including the need to renegotiate leases or other contracts, and change their business models to adapt to this new environment. To qualify for pro bono legal representation, businesses must meet the Clinic’s income eligibility criteria (for a for-profit business, the household income of the business’s owner(s) cannot exceed 400% of the federal poverty level).

To request legal assistance or for additional information, you can contact the Food Law Initiative's COVID-19 Legal Support Project via email. Address your email to both individuals listed above, using the subject line: The Food Law Initiative's COVID-19 Legal Support Project

Shearman & Sterling chart of resources helpful to farm operations:

<https://law.pace.edu/sites/default/files/PotentialReliefforFarmers.pdf>

New copy to replace EIDL description – Small Businesses AND Individuals and Families

The **Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program** provides up to \$2 million in loans to compensate for revenue lost due to COVID-19. Small businesses, medium size business with up to 500 employees, sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed persons, private non-profit organization (including faith-based organizations) and 501(c)(19) veterans organizations affected by COVID-19, are eligible to apply.

In addition, eligible applicants can also apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance for up to \$10,000. The advance will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Funds will be made available within days of a successful application. This loan advance will not have to be repaid if the applicant is subsequently turned down for a full EIDL loan.

www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19

[Frequently Asked Questions for Faith-Based Organizations Participating in the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program](#)

New – add to Non-Profit Organizations, Health and Human Services Providers

Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan

<https://cfosny.org/covid-19-response-fund/>

Established by the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, the Orange and Sullivan COVID-19 Response Fund distributes grants of up to \$5,000 each to established nonprofit organizations that provide front-line services to the counties' most vulnerable populations – food for needy families and essentials, such as prescription drug deliveries to home bound senior citizens and people with compromised immune systems. Logon and create an account to apply for a grant

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfosnygrants>

New – Add to Farms and On-Farm Producers AND Individuals and Families

USDA Rural Housing Service Moratorium on Foreclosures and Evictions for Single Family Housing

1-800-414-1226 (7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Monday-Friday)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/loan-servicing>

Effective March 19, borrowers with USDA single-family housing Direct and Guaranteed loans are subject to a moratorium on foreclosure and eviction for a period of 60 days. This action applies to the initiation of foreclosures and evictions and to the completion of foreclosures and evictions in process.

- A Direct Loan borrower who is experiencing a reduction of income by more than 10 percent can request a Payment Assistance package to see if he/she is eligible for payment assistance or for more assistance than currently received.
- Moratorium Assistance is available for Direct Loan borrowers experiencing medical bill expenses (not covered by insurance) or job loss because of COVID-19. Qualifying borrowers can receive a moratorium on house payments for a period of time, repaid at a later date.
- USDA has waived or relaxed certain parts of the application process for Single-Family Housing Direct Loans, including site assessments, and has extended the time period that certificates of eligibility are valid.

Direct Loan questions should be directed to USDA's Customer Service Center at 800-414-1226 (7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Monday-Friday) or <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/loan-servicing>. Call volume and wait times are high at this time.

New – add to Small Business section

Accion Small Business Loans and Resources

1-866-245-0783

Info@accioneast.com

<https://us.accion.org/resource/resources-for-small-businesses-impacted-by-the-coronavirus-covid-19-shutdown/>

Accion is a nonprofit community lender dedicated to helping entrepreneurs generate income, build assets, create jobs and achieve financial success through business ownership. Their network serves small businesses in communities across the U.S. and is made up of three certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). Their east coast office serving Sullivan County is located in NYC. Accion is providing one-on-one support to help small business-owners access local, state and federal assistance during the COVID-19 emergency. They are offering COVID-19 Relief Loans to 500 small businesses that do not fit the profile to receive public relief assistance.