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Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services Program

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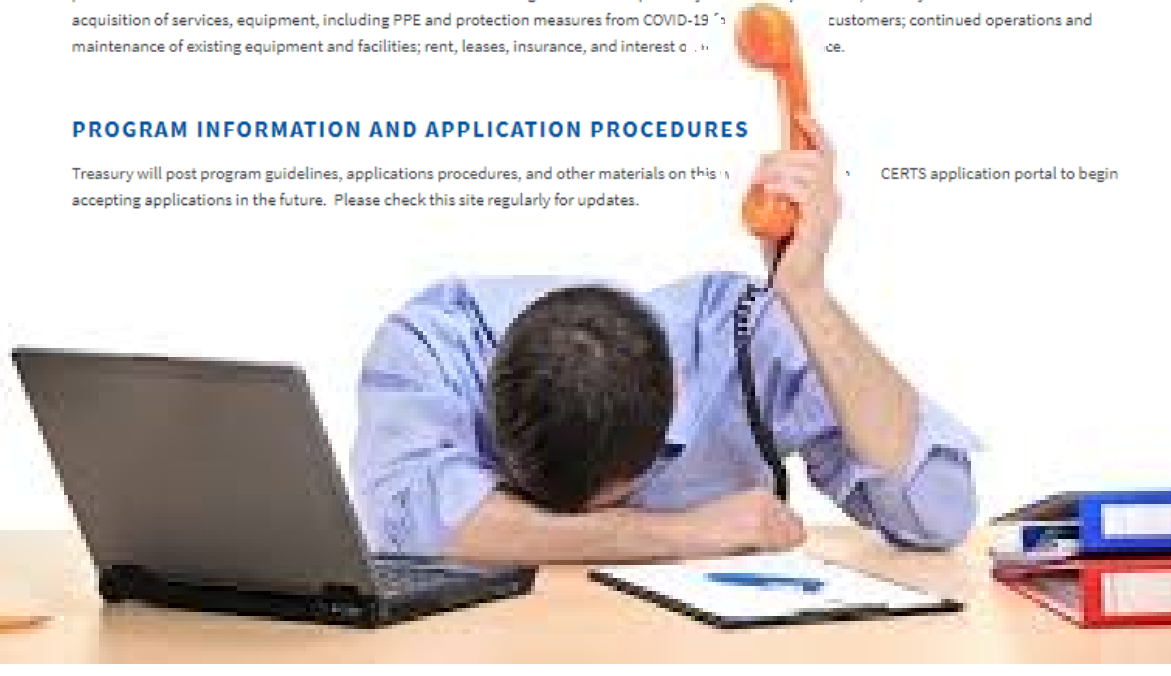
The Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Program is providing eligible transportation service companies with resources to help to maintain payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead and operational expenses.

Established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Program was created to support transportation service providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including motorcoach, school bus, passenger vessel, and pilot vessel companies.

Under the program, Treasury will provide up to \$2 billion in grants to eligible companies that certify they have experienced an annual revenue loss of 25 percent or more as a direct or indirect result of COVID-19. CERTS grant funds are primarily to cover payroll costs, but may also be used to cover the acquisition of services, equipment, including PPE and protection measures from COVID-19; maintenance of existing equipment and facilities; rent, leases, insurance, and interest on debt.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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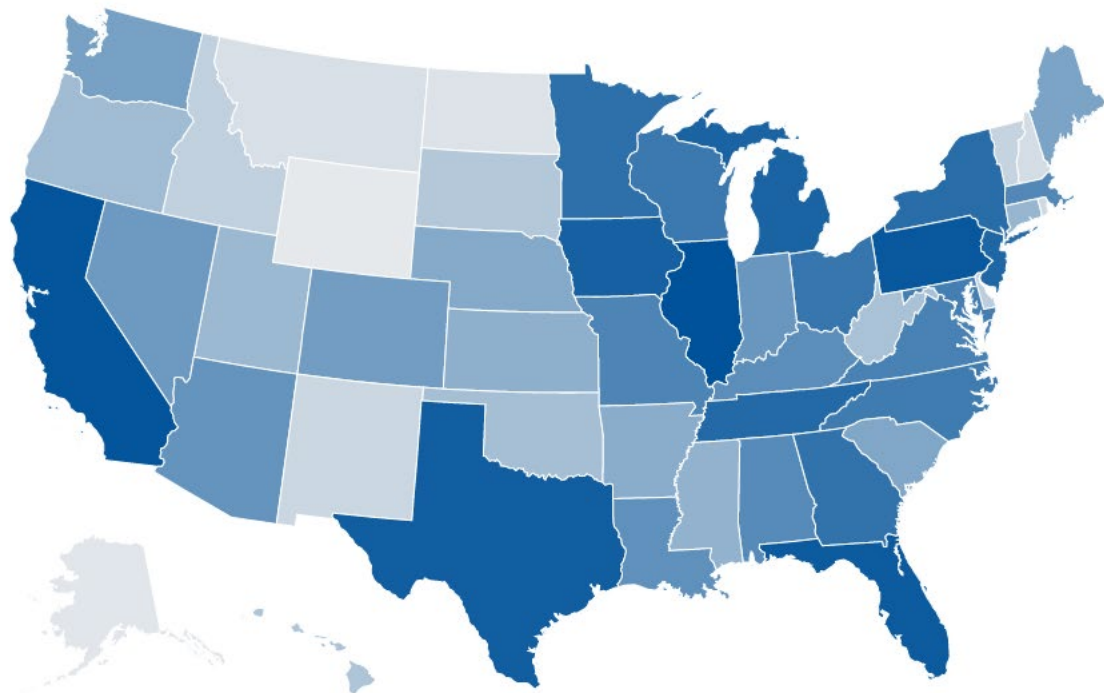
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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Member Day Hearing Testimony  
April 14, 2021

Thank you, Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves, for allowing Members to provide the committee written testimony advocating for their transportation and infrastructure priorities. This Congress, we have a real opportunity, in a bipartisan fashion, to enact policies that would address our crumbling infrastructure.

My district in Central Illinois is the poster child of infrastructure – comprised of roads, airports, rail, locks and dams, bridges, and transit. This may not be an easy task, but Congress must take a multifaceted approach with support from local, state, and federal governments, along with private industry, to fix our nation's infrastructure. As a Member of the Ways and Means Committee, I stand committed to finding solutions to finance modernizing our country's surface transportation, as well as, waterway, and air infrastructure.

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Bus Caucus, I am supportive of increasing funding for Bus and Bus Facilities investment to a 40-40-20 ratio within two years. Buses historically receive less than 51% of all transit trips occurring on buses, the benefits of federal bus investment in local communities, such as Bloomington-Normal and Peoria in

Bus Facilities grant program (\$339b) and H.R. 2's investment levels.

FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
\$ 664,600,000	\$ 1,240,320,213	\$ 1,259,867,338	\$ 1,279,832,171	\$ 1,299,925,536
\$ 280,000,000	\$ 186,095,232	\$ 288,950,100	\$ 291,974,826	\$ 294,908,830
\$ 55,000,000	\$ 437,080,000	\$ 424,748,448	\$ 387,844,423	\$ 355,150,151
\$ 375,000,000	\$ 405,000,000	\$ 450,000,000	\$ 450,000,000	\$ 500,000,000
\$ 800,600,000	\$ 2,092,408,213	\$ 2,084,615,782	\$ 2,117,776,584	\$ 2,151,025,687

most up-to-date equipment allows air traffic controllers to work more efficiently and clearly provide critical support for pilots. It is incumbent upon Congress to ensure that funding is available to address the needs of our nation's aging fleet of fifty-year-old aircraft.

**H.R. 7642 - Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Act (116th) [Reps. Darin LaHood, Albio Sires] – Requires U.S. Department of Treasury in consultation with U.S. Department of Transportation to provide \$10 billion emergency grant funding for transportation service providers including motorcoach, private bus, and small vessel carriers.**

- \$2 billion was included in the CARES 2.0 package.
- Request is to include an **additional \$8 billion for this grant program.**

- **H.R. 2289 - Freight RAIL CAR Act of 2021** [Reps. Brad Schneider, Darin LaHood] – Establishes tax credits to encourage the replacement or modernization of North America's freight railcar fleet with higher capacity, more fuel-efficient vehicles, which will help stabilize jobs in the railcar manufacturing and modification industry.
- **H.R. 1660 - Stop Sewage Overflow Act** [Reps. Lori Trahan, Darin LaHood] – Expands and improves the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant program (Section 221), which is used to award federal grants to states and municipalities for the planning, design, and construction of combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or stormwater management projects.
  - o H.R. 2 included a formula modeled after our ability to pay provision.

Sincerely,  
*Darin LaHood*  
Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress

**REPRESENTATIVES**

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The **National Park Service** reports that both **Yellowstone National Park** and **Grand Teton National Park** have eased their ten-persons-in-a-vehicle restriction for tour operators who commit to the following:

- Operators committing to having all customers/passengers either vaccinated or tested immediately before the trip (72 hours) will be permitted to operate in the park at **100% capacity**.
- Operators that cannot commit to having all customers/passengers either vaccinated or tested immediately before the trip (72 hours) will be limited to 50% of vehicle capacity, or 10 persons (including driver, guide), whichever is greater.



## Commercial Tours

Commercial bus tours pay fees based on the seating capacity of the vehicle. The following fees cover entry to Yellowstone:

- Commercial Sedan (1-6 seats): \$25, plus \$20/person
- Commercial Van (7-15 seats, regardless of occupancy): \$125
- Commercial Mini Bus (16-25 seats, regardless of occupancy): \$200
- Commercial Motor Coach (26 or more seats, regardless of occupancy): \$300
- Commercial entry good for seven days as long as it's the same passenger group.

# SBA Paycheck Protection Program

Extending the filing deadline for submitting applications through May 31.

Additional 30 days to process applications submitted by May 31.

Approximately \$36 billion remains of \$284 billion appropriated.

**Summary of all PPP-approved lending** (as of April 25, 2021):

**Loans Approved - 10,288,286**

**Total Net Dollars - \$770,731,428,510**

**Average loan approximately - \$74,913**





# Economic Injury Disaster Loan

## Economic Injury Disaster Loan

24-months of economic injury with a maximum loan amount of \$500,000.

SBA will reach out directly via email and provide more details about how businesses can request an increase

April 6<sup>th</sup>

[CovidEIDLIncreaseRequests@sba.gov](mailto:CovidEIDLIncreaseRequests@sba.gov)

**SBA Application No.**

**SBA Loan No.**

**Business name:**

**Business address:**

**Business owner name(s):**

**Phone number:**

SBA deferring periods for all disaster loans, including COVID-19 EIDLs, until 2022



# Disaster Loan Assistance

Federal Disaster Loans for Businesses, Private Non-profits, Homeowners and Renters

## COVID-19 ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN APPLICATION



DISCLOSURES



BUSINESS INFORMATION



BUSINESS OWNERS INFORMATION



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



SUMMARY

### STREAMLINED PROCESS REQUIREMENTS

SBA is collecting the requested information in order to make a loan under SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program to the qualified entities listed in this application that are impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The information will be used in determining whether the applicant is eligible for an economic injury loan. If you do not submit all the information requested, your loan cannot be fully processed.

The Applicant understands that the SBA is relying upon the self-certifications contained in this application to verify that the Applicant is an eligible entity, and that the Applicant is providing this self-certification under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746 for verification purposes.

The estimated time for completing this entire application is two hours and ten minutes, although you may not need to complete all parts. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB approval number.

### ELIGIBLE ENTITY VERIFICATION