



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COVID-19 BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE

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## REOPEN YOUR BUSINESS

Santa Barbara County has outlined detailed information in consideration of the State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy [www.covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy](http://www.covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy). For more information please visit [www.recoverysbc.org](http://www.recoverysbc.org) for all reopening requirements, industry specific guidance and worksite prevention plans. For questions related to business reopening call 833.688.5551 or email [EHSadmin@sbcphd.org](mailto:EHSadmin@sbcphd.org)

## NO COST BUSINESS CONSULTING, WEBINARS AND ADVOCACY

**Economic Development Collaborative's** Small Business Development Center provides expert business consulting at no cost. Business consultants can assist with any area of business need including business resiliency and recovery, business model pivots and e-commerce training. Free weekly business webinars are given in Spanish and English. For more information visit [www.edcollaborative.com](http://www.edcollaborative.com).

**Women's Economic Ventures** offers Business Recovery consulting, free webinars in English and Spanish, and a Thrive program for individualized consulting for those in business longer than one year. For more information visit [www.wevonline.org](http://www.wevonline.org).

**SCORE** supports small businesses through free mentoring appointments, resilience training, educational materials, and low-cost online workshops. In addition, SCORE has an extensive online collection of e-guides, templates, checklists, blogs, videos, infographics and more, to help entrepreneurs succeed. For more information visit [www.santabarbara.score.org](http://www.santabarbara.score.org).

**Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce** is dedicated to the economic health and vitality of communities from Goleta to Carpinteria on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. The Chamber helps businesses, residents, and visitors thrive by advocating for responsible public policy, offering networking and community-building opportunities, providing access to business development resources, and supporting visitor services across the region. For more information visit [www.sbscchamber.com](http://www.sbscchamber.com).

**The Greater Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's** mission is to foster the economic vitality and prosperity of the Hispanic business community as well as the quality of life of the greater Santa Barbara area. To provide an organizational forum for the exchange of ideas, information, technical assistance, procurement opportunities, and any other form of business opportunities that enhances the Hispanic business community. For more information visit [www.gsbhcc.org](http://www.gsbhcc.org).

**The Downtown Santa Barbara Organization** supports over 1200 business in Santa Barbara's downtown core with trainings, business retention services, networking gatherings, marketing, promotion, advocacy and community events. To learn more and get involved visit [www.downtownsb.org](http://www.downtownsb.org).

## FEDERAL LOANS

### Federal Low Interest Loans:

- Economic Injury Disaster Loan - The U.S. Small Business Administration offers low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID19. Applicants may apply [www.covid19relief.sba.gov](http://www.covid19relief.sba.gov), call 800.659.2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Deadline to apply 12/31/20 or as funds remain available.

## LOCAL BUSINESS LOAN

**Economic Development Collaborative** helps both new and existing businesses through a wide range of loan products including a Disaster Loan Fund, designed to stimulate job creation and economic growth by providing access to non-traditional funding. For more information, contact Marvin Boateng, Director of Lending 805.409.9158, [loans@edcollaborative.com](mailto:loans@edcollaborative.com).

**Women's Economic Ventures** loan programs support entrepreneurs who are not yet ready to qualify for traditional bank or other financing. Loans currently being offered: Basic Start-up Loan, Basic Expansion Loan, & COVID-19 ReStart Loan. Contact Marni Brook, Director of Lending, [mbrook@wevonline.org](mailto:mbrook@wevonline.org) or Marta Quintero, Bilingual Loan Officer, [mquintero@wevonline.org](mailto:mquintero@wevonline.org).

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

### Employment Development Department:

- Unemployment Insurance is available for those that have lost hours and wages due to the impact of COVID-19. For more information please visit [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).
- Unemployment Insurance is available for Self Employed individuals who have lost hours and wages due to the impact of COVID-19. For more information please visit [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov) and search "Pandemic Unemployment Assistance."

## LEGAL AID

**Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County** is a non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance to Santa Barbara County residents. Our mission is to provide high-quality civil legal services to low-income and other vulnerable residents in order to ensure equal access to justice. For more information visit [www.lafsb.org](http://www.lafsb.org)

## SOCIAL SERVICE RESOURCES

**The County of Santa Barbara** provides direct links and contact information for local social services departments, community-based organizations, and services for children, seniors, LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities, and those who are unhoused or undocumented. Their comprehensive guide also includes resources for businesses and employees, mental and behavioral health aid, legal self-help, housing and utility assistance. For more information please visit [www.countyofsb.org](http://www.countyofsb.org).



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