



Additional Guidance - Paycheck Protection Program

Background

As you are aware, in late March, the federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which included several program options to provide relief for small, mid-size, and large businesses. Principal among those programs is the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

The PPP is a loan program that allows small businesses to receive loans of up to 2.5 times their monthly payroll (based on 2019 records). The loans are to be spent within 8 weeks, beginning on the loan's origination date, and **will be forgiven** if an organization spends at least 75% of the funds on payroll expenses and the other 25% on business-related expenses (e.g. rent, mortgage, utilities). The PPP is also available to independent contractors/providers and the self-employed.

The initial \$349 billion in funding appropriated for the PPP through the CARES Act was exhausted in less than 2 weeks. Last week, Congress passed legislation that provides, among other things, **an additional \$320 billion for the PPP. The PPP began accepting applications for funding on Monday, April 27 at 10:30am ET/9:30am CT. You must apply through your 7(a) lending program; you can find your lender HERE.**

Process

As a reminder, for fee-for-service and fixed-rate grantees continuing to provide services, IDHS will reimburse for services provided at established reimbursement rates.

For services not being provided or being provided at a reduced level:

April Payment

Please complete the survey sent out last week specific to payments for April operations ([link here](#)). IDHS must have this information in order to process payments for April operations. We will be following up with providers that have marked "not known" on their survey prior to making April payments.

May Payment

As IDHS continues to fight COVID-19, we are creating a new process for payments for May operations and requiring application to the PPP for those providers whose services have been suspended or severely limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, in order for your organization to be eligible for payments for May operations, you must certify one of the following options:

1. Your organization applied for the PPP, but was denied funding
2. Your organization applied for the PPP, but did not receive an answer or the program ran out of money
3. Your organization did not qualify for the PPP

4. Your organization faced a significant barrier and was not able to apply
5. Your organization applied for and received the PPP

IDHS will provide a form for the attestation/certification for PPP as it relates to payments for May operations at a later date.

If you have questions for IDHS, please contact DHS.PPPQuestions@illinois.gov.

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