

## ***PPP Loan applications will only be accepted through MARCH 31, 2021***

### Exclusivity period for the very smallest businesses & other changes

A 14-day exclusivity period for businesses and nonprofits with fewer than 20 employees **ends on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 5 p.m. ET.**

All applications already submitted by lenders to SBA before the start of the exclusivity period will still be processed by SBA. During the two-week period, SBA will not accept new applications from lenders for businesses and nonprofits with 20 or more employees, so that lenders can focus on serving smaller companies. Once the exclusivity period ends, lenders will be able to submit PPP loan applications for all eligible businesses and nonprofits again.

[Additional PPP changes promoting equitable relief for the smallest of small businesses are to be implemented in early March.](#)

### Loan details

The Paycheck Protection Program now allows certain eligible borrowers that previously received a PPP loan to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan with the same general [loan terms](#) as their First Draw PPP Loan.

Second Draw PPP Loans can be used to help fund payroll costs, including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay for mortgage interest, rent, utilities, worker protection costs related to COVID-19, uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or vandalism during 2020, and certain supplier costs and expenses for operations.

### Maximum loan amount and increased assistance for accommodation and food services businesses

For most borrowers, the maximum loan amount of a Second Draw PPP Loan is 2.5x the average monthly 2019 or 2020 payroll costs up to \$2 million. For borrowers in the Accommodation and Food Services sector (use [NAICS 72](#) to confirm), the maximum loan amount for a Second Draw PPP Loan is 3.5x the average monthly 2019 or 2020 payroll costs up to \$2 million.

### Who may qualify:

A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP Loan if the borrower:

- Previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses

- Has no more than 300 employees; and
- Can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020

## How and when to apply

Small businesses and non-profits with fewer than 20 employees and sole proprietors can apply for Second Draw PPP loans through March 9, 2021. The program will be open to all eligible entities March 10 through March 31, 2021.

**The second round of PPP loans will only be available for application by eligible parishes through MARCH 31, 2021.**

**If your parish DID NOT apply for the first round of PPP loans, the SBA will be re-opening the first round of PPP loans to those who never applied, through MARCH 31, 2021.**

Please share this information with your staff/Finance Council members who may be helping you review your options for this second round of PPP loans or your first round if you have not applied. Call (570) 207-2237 or email ([eileen-bartoli@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:eileen-bartoli@dioceseofscranton.org)) with questions or requests for help, as soon as possible, as the deadline is fast approaching.

**In addition, there is a simplified PPP Loan Forgiveness Application now available for any loans under \$150,000 through most lenders which reduces the amount of documentation that is required to be submitted. You have 10 months after the end of your initial covered period to apply for forgiveness before the loan interest is due. Call (570) 207-2237 or email ([eileen-bartoli@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:eileen-bartoli@dioceseofscranton.org)) with questions or requests for help.**