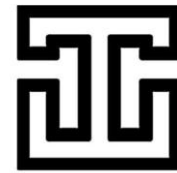


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PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM 2.0 TO OPEN TOMORROW FOR OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESSES

A second round of the fully forgivable Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) is scheduled to open Wednesday, January 13, 2021. It will provide small businesses with a combined \$285 billion of relief for those hit hardest by the pandemic.

What businesses qualify?

- Companies who have fewer than 300 employees
- Show at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts in the first, second or third quarter of 2020 compared to the same quarter in 2019.
- Maximum loan sizes for this round are \$2 million
- Applicants must have utilized the full amount of their initial draw PPP loan on or before the expected date of the second draw PPP loan is disbursed.
- Sustained 25% reduction in gross receipts in any quarter of 2020 when compared to the same quarter in 2019, or the full year of 2020 when compared to 2019

These businesses will also be able to apply for a separate loan for each location, given each individual location is a separate legal entity.

New: The PPP program has been updated to now include eligibility for certain housing cooperatives, news organizations, section 501(c)(6) organizations, and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (“EIDL”) recipients.

Is my business eligible if it received PPP 1.0 in 2020?

Yes, the business is not otherwise ineligible if it received PPP 1.0 funds. In fact, if there was a mistake that shorted the business money on PPP 1.0, businesses may apply for the underpayment.

What benefits are available?

Qualified businesses are eligible to receive a fully refundable loan (that turns into a grant) equal to 2.5x their average annual payroll for 2019 or 2020, at the business’ option. Restaurants, hotels, and other businesses categorized under NAICS code 72, will be eligible to receive 3.5x their average payroll.

What do I need to apply for PPP 2.0?

Financial statements for January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, and year to date from January 1, 2020; profit and loss statements for those same periods and bank statements; All 2019 and 2020 employee payroll reports (940, 941, W-2's, payroll summaries and details, as well as state unemployment reports).

What if a business does not have the forms mentioned above?

No funding can occur. Reach out immediately to a qualified accountant or tax attorney who can prepare these reports and returns quickly and accurately.

Will PPP again be an SBA loan that may become a forgivable grant?

Yes, if the business uses the money over 24 weeks from funding for payroll (60% minimum), rent, utilities, mortgage interest, covered property damage costs, covered supplier costs and covered worker protection expenditures. There will also be a streamlined forgiveness process for loans under \$150,000.

Will PPP expenses be deductible? Yes, this is a complete reversal in policy from the Department of the Treasury's previous position. Business owners were facing large taxable windfalls since the business could not deduct payroll, utilities, rent and mortgage interest. Now, they can!

Will there be more money available for the SBA's non-forgivable Emergency Impact Disaster Loan (EIDL) as well? Yes, \$20 billion has been earmarked to supplement this program as well.

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