

PAWTUCKET'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COVID-19 EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: The City of Pawtucket offers businesses located within the City low- interest financing through Pawtucket's Business Development Corporation (PBDC). **This unique financing tool offers loans to small businesses operating in the City of Pawtucket that have been negatively affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.** Retail, commercial, and entertainment businesses that rely on customers making purchases at their establishments are especially affected; this program is designed to provide relief to those types of businesses. Businesses must demonstrate hardship caused by the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

HOW IT WORKS: Under this program, the PBDC will provide emergency micro-loans to businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Businesses with **twenty-five (25)** or fewer employees are eligible to apply for funds, which will be used to pay for normal businesses expenses that have been made more difficult due to declining revenues caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Businesses may apply for up to **\$10,000** in funds under this loan program. Businesses must have a physical location in the City of Pawtucket and have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

INTEREST RATE: The PBDC will be offering COVID-19 Emergency Three-Year Term Loans at a 2% interest rate. Due to the ongoing effects of the outbreak, loan repayment will be deferred for the first twelve (12) month period after the loan is administered. After the 12-month period is over, businesses will begin monthly loan repayments on month 13. After repayment begins, businesses shall have two (2) years (Twenty-four (24) months) to complete full repayment of the loan.

ELIGIBLE BUSINESS:

- Retail
- Wholesale
- Service
- Entertainment
- Restaurant/Bar

ELIGIBILITY:

Small businesses, meeting the criteria stated above, that have experienced 30% or more loss in revenue due to the COVID-19 outbreak are eligible to apply for this emergency loan. Funds may be used for operating expenses for running day to day business operations including but not limited to covering payroll and rent. **Businesses that are chains or franchises are not eligible to apply to this program. Loan funds are for commercial purposes only. Funds cannot be used for equipment purchases, construction or expansion related costs.**

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

To meet the threshold for this loan there must be sufficient documentation that the jobs would have been lost without the loan assistance and that one or both of the following applies to a least 51 percent of the jobs:

The PBDC requires either that (i) a business owner submitting the application for the loan must be a **low/moderate income individual (see attached income guidelines); or (ii)** the business must provide evidence that at least one (1) low/moderate income employee is being retained or hired with the loan funds.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

This program only provides assistance to small businesses located in the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

PROCESS:

The PBDC has a Loan Review process that is carried out through the staff of the City's Department of Planning and Redevelopment. Normally it takes approximately thirty (30) days to review applications, however considering the seriousness of the situation and projected need, the loan review process shall take no more than one (1) week after all required submittal materials have been received. After review, and if approval is granted, checks will be mailed to businesses which may take up to two (2) additional weeks.

All of the information submitted for our review must be signed and dated. Please contact Herb Weiss with any questions or comments at 401-728-0500 ext.437 or by email at hweiss@PAWTUCKETRI.com.

For more information on the Pawtucket Business Development Corporation (PBDC) and the available loan programs, go to <http://www.pawtucketri.com/pbdc-loan-program>.

*** Disclaimer: This loan program and any specific loans are contingent upon the availability of funds. If at any time this funding source is depleted, this loan program and any commitments to fund specific loans may become null and void**

**PAWTUCKET'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
COVID-19 EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM APPLICATION**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Phone Number(s): _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

EIN # _____ DUNS# _____

Business Organization Type: Sole Proprietor Limited Liability Company
 Corporation Partnership

Ownership/Management:

Name	% Interest Owned	Title

Please provide a brief narrative of the impact COVID-19 has had on your business:

Years in Business: _____

Years at Present Address: _____

Lease Expiration Date: _____ Monthly Rent: _____

Type of Business: _____

Average Gross Annual Receipts: \$ _____

Please indicated the square footage of the occupied space: _____

Amount of Personal Funds Invested in the Business to Date: \$ _____

Loan Amount Requested: \$ _____

Number of Employees: Before Covid-19 Full-Time: _____ Part-Time: _____

Jobs Expected to be Retain/Hire as a Result of this Loan (Please designate Full Time or Part Time):
 Full-Time: _____ Part-Time: _____

Use of Funds: Please describe how the COVID-19 Emergency Loan will be used to help your small business retain/hire employees and keep your business operating during this challenging time?

Use: _____	\$: _____
Use: _____	\$: _____
Use: _____	\$: _____
Use: _____	\$: _____
Use: _____	\$: _____
Total \$: _____	

Have you applied or do you plan on applying for any other COVID-19 financial assistance programs (SBA Disaster Loan, Commerce Rhode Island Loan Fund, etc.)? If so, list:

While we understand that there is uncertainty, the City of Pawtucket hopes that businesses receiving a loan will successfully persevere through the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Please describe your plans and ability to persevere to the best of your ability:

Please describe the economic and/or community benefits your business creates for the City of Pawtucket:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

**CITY OF PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND INCOME
CERTIFICATION FORM FOR ALL CDBG PROGRAMS**

**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY BUSINESS
APPLICANT (IF THE BUSINESS IS A “SOLE PROPRIETOR”)**

To the applicant: Pawtucket’s Business Development Corporation (PBDC) provides assistance through funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Federal requirements ask that the following information be supplied to the PBDC. This information will be kept on hand at the Department of Planning and Redevelopment for possible review by Federal agencies, **It is kept confidential and is not for public distribution.** Your cooperation in the completion of this form is appreciated.

NOTE: The following information is subject to verification by government officials. Are you a resident of the City of Pawtucket? Yes No

What is your current residential address:

Please check the number of people in your family, including yourself:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Is your total family income for the last 12 months **less than or equal to** the amount indicated for the size of your family? (Include all sources of family income) Yes No

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
\$45,850 \$52,400 \$58,650 \$65,500 \$70,750 \$76,000 \$81,250 \$86,500

(June, 28 2019)

The following questions are required by the Federal Government for the program funding these business assistance programs, and will be used only in there aggregate. No individual information provided in this section of the form is public information.

For reporting purposes only, please answer the following questions:

Sex: Male Female

Handicapped: Yes No

Single Family Head of Household: Yes No

Please identify the appropriate racial and ethnic category below:

American Indian/Alaskan Native

American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American

Asian

Asian/Hispanic

Black/African American

Black/African American & White

Black/Hispanic Native

Hawaiian Other Pacific

Islander White

White/Hispanic

Other Multi-Racial

Please continue to next page.

Required Application submittals and Eligibility Certifications

By checking each box below, the undersigned hereby certifies that the statement is true and/or that the required submittals are provided in conjunction with the application.

- I confirm that my business is located within the City of Pawtucket and the business maintains all proper licenses and permits for operation.
- I certify that my revenue has declined by 30% or more as a result of COVID-19 since March 10, 2020. **Attach balance sheet, profit loss statement or other financial documentation that demonstrates the required decline in revenue.**
- I certify that the average annual gross receipts of the business is less than \$2,000,000
- I have attached a copy of the most recent personal tax returns for owners with 20% or more ownership interest.
- I have attached a completed IRS W-9 Form and DUNS number.
- I have provided documentation to help verify the economic hardship suffered as a result of COVID-19, including financial statements, and other data as applicable.
- I agree to document and report the economic impact to the business as a result of this loan, including but not limited to, jobs retained, job hired, increased sales, participation in other relief programs.
- I confirm that the business is current with all local, state, and federal taxes.
- I certify that the business has complied with its bylaws or other governing documents to obtain approval for the undersigned to submit this application and execute a loan agreement on behalf of the applicant.

I certify that the above information, to the best of my knowledge is accurate and true. I understand that the PBDC will rely on the accuracy of the submittals and certifications made in conjunction with this application. Any misrepresentation or inaccurate information may be treated as a default concerning any loan made.

Business Name

Authorized Representative

Title

Date

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, completed application forms and all attachments should be mailed or dropped off to:

Pawtucket Business Development Corporation
City of Pawtucket
137 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860

If you have questions about the application requirements or have any issues with submitting any of the required documents, please email HWEISS@PAWTUCKETRI.COM

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