



An Update on LOAN & RELIEF INFORMATION

Delivering Support for Small Businesses

Consumers Energy is here to help your company during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

Small businesses throughout Michigan are suddenly struggling to survive after closing to help us stay safe. Consumers Energy can provide meaningful and immediate help by:

- Working with you on your utility bill.
- Connecting you to potential sources of state and federal relief.
- Providing new business opportunities through the Pure Michigan Business Connect Program.

[MEDC Small Business Relief Program](#) **DEADLINE FOR FILING IS 3-31-2020**
[MEDC Small Business Loan Information](#)

CARES Act Update For Small Business (U.S. House of Representative, Jack Bergman)

On Friday the House passed the CARES Act and President Trump signed it into law immediately after. The next few weeks of action will be critical as federal, state, and local leaders work together to help our communities through the Coronavirus crisis. Workers and businesses across the District have felt the economic impact of the Governors' "stay at home" order, implemented to slow the spread of the Coronavirus, and the CARES Act aims to help impacted workers through these trying times. The "Paycheck Protection Program" provides eight weeks of cash-flow assistance through 100 percent federally guaranteed loans to small employers who maintain their payroll during this emergency. Please note – If the employer maintains payroll, the portion of the loans used for covered payroll costs, interest on mortgage obligations, rent, and utilities will be forgiven. This provision will help workers remain employed, and allow affected small businesses and our economy to recover quickly from this crisis. This proposal would be retroactive to February 15, 2020, to help bring workers who may have already been laid off back onto payrolls.

Here are some answers to questions we are hearing from families and businesses throughout the First District:..... [Continue Reading](#)

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