



## ***American Rescue Plan Act Elevates Small Business Support in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic***

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**DENVER** – Upon President Biden signing the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#) into law March 11, the [U.S. Small Business Administration’s](#) Senior Advisor Michael Roth stated:

*“The American Rescue Plan Act enables the SBA to continue to lift up the cornerstones of our communities; the mom-and-pop businesses and nonprofits that provide essential services for our everyday lives, hire from within neighborhoods, and more. Our nation’s more than 30 million small businesses are the economic engine of this country and, in alignment with the Biden-Harris Administration’s focus on equitable treatment, the SBA will work tirelessly to ensure eligible borrowers will get access to this critical economic relief.”*

The American Rescue Plan Act provides additional relief for the nation’s small businesses and hard-hit industries for programs the SBA is currently administering and adds new efforts, including:

- \$7.25 billion additional for the [Paycheck Protection Program, including](#) to expand eligibility to additional nonprofits and digital news services
- Additional funds are allocated for the [Shuttered Venue Operators Grant](#) program, and now allows businesses to apply for both a PPP loan after Dec. 27, 2020 and the SVOG
- \$15 billion additional for [Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance](#) (EIDL) payments, including \$5 billion for Supplemental Targeted EIDL Advance payments for those hardest hit
- \$28.6 billion for the newly-launched Restaurant Revitalization Fund for industry-focused grant program
- \$100 million for the newly-launched Community Navigator pilot program. This program aims to fund grants to eligible organizations supporting efforts to improve access to COVID–19 pandemic assistance programs and resources

SBA’s current relief efforts can be found at [www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief](http://www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief), and more details about these program updates and new efforts the SBA will administer in the coming weeks.

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