



CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA
Economic Development Department
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COVID -19 Update (Updated June 4)

City Businesses: The Economic Development Department is focused on providing information to city businesses about resources available to you. We recognize the extreme hardship this pandemic has put on all of our businesses and want to do whatever possible to assist you in safely re-opening. For current Virginia reopening guidelines for Phase 2, go to: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Virginia-Forward-Phase-Two-Guidelines.pdf>.

We are all in this together and look forward to our businesses being back and on the road to full economic recovery!

BELOW ARE LINKS TO ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

General information: Bristol Chamber of Commerce – Bristol Stands 2-gether
<https://www.bristolchamber.com/bristol-stands-2gether>

Regions Ahead: www.regionahead.com Provides a portal for businesses in the Tri-Cities area to obtain assistance including grants. Also, donations to the Local Business Recovery Fund may be made.

Downtown Bristol Businesses: www.believeinbristol.org Provides information about an emergency loan fund as well as other updates.

Virginia Community Capital (VCC): <https://www.vacommunitycapital.org/> has links to federal and state programs, including the SBA payroll protection program, and a webinar series specifically for businesses. VCC is an SBA-approved lender.

Virginia's 30-Day Fund: Has available financial assistance: <https://va30dayfund.com/>

To apply for federal SBA loan assistance, go to <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

You also may want to contact one of these area banks or agencies who are approved SBA lenders:

Bank of Marion	Regions Bank
New People's Bank	BB & T
Powell Valley Bank	First Community Bank
First Horizon Bank	Citizens Bank
Eastman Credit Union	People, Inc. Financial Services, Abingdon

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation grants. <https://savesmallbusiness.com/>

Tourism-related Businesses: <https://www.vatc.org/coronavirus/cv19businessresources/>

If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Wilcox, Economic Development Director at chris.wilcox@bristolva.org or 276-696-1195 (Cell).

For all other matters or general questions, please contact Amy Dula at 276-645-7470 or amy.dula@bristolva.org