# **PACARES**

PA STATEWIDE SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

# **CDFI GUIDELINES**

**UPDATED 06/21/20** 

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 1. \$225 million of funding designated by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development will be administered by the Pennsylvania CDFI Network.
- 2. \$200 million is allocated for grants to small businesses
  - \$100 million allocated for historically disadvantaged businesses
  - \$100 million allocated for other small businesses
- \$25 million is allocated to Pennsylvania CDFI Network members for support of loan loss reserves and to process portfolio loan deferrals. The process for LLR and loan deferrals is in development and will be outlined in separate procedures.
- 4. The program is not a "first come, first served" basis. The application portal will open for a specific period of time determined by the Network.
- 5. CDFIs will conduct outreach and marketing to ensure small, vulnerable and disadvantaged businesses have access to the grant application platform
- 6. CDFIs will provide technical assistance to business owners during application preparation and online submission.
- 7. Once applications are received, Lendistry will process applications based on a Network approved rating method.
- 8. A six-member review committee of Network designees will approve the final list of business grant recipients for each round of funding.
- 9. Lendistry will fund grants to approved businesses.

# WE SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES IN PENNSYLVANIA

This grant provides funds up to \$50,000 to small businesses in the state of Pennsylvania that have been impacted by COVID-19.

#### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 are available for small business that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and related statewide business closure. Funding tiers are listed below.
- 2. Grants are available only for businesses with annual revenues of \$1million or less and have 25 or fewer employees (FTEs).
- 3. Eligible businesses must be based in and operate primarily in Pennsylvania.
- 4. Eligible businesses may be structured as C-corporations, S-corporations, limited liability corporations, sole proprietors, independent contractors or self-employed individuals.
- 5. Businesses must have must have been in operation as of February 15, 2020.
- 6. Historically disadvantaged businesses are defined as businesses that are owned and operated (51% or more) by people identifying as African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American or Pacific Islander (based on the US CDFI Fund definition of individuals historically lacking access to financial services.)

#### **PROGRAM PRIORITIES**

- Priority will be given to businesses owned and operated by low and moderate income business owners. Low and moderate income business owners are defined as those with a total household income of 80% or less than the county Median Family Income, based on the US Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey (2018 ACS).
- 2. Priority will be given to businesses located in rural communities and disadvantaged areas defined as U.S. CDFI Fund Investment Areas including those located in communities experiencing higher than average poverty rates, lower income (less than 80% of area median), unemployment rates and/or high population loss.
- 3. Priority will be given to certain industry sectors including retail, food and hospitality, health and wellness, personal care (beauty/nail salons, spas, and barbershops), and child care.
- Priority will be given to those businesses impacted the most financially based on gross revenue losses.
- 5. Preference will be given to women-owned businesses and areas targeted for reinvestment such as Main Streets, Elm Streets, Blueprint Communities, commercial corridors in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the Wilds gateway communities, and Trail Towns.

### **GRANT FUNDING STRUCTURE**

The Emergency Fund includes the following eight (8) Categories Owners of multiple businesses can only apply for funding for ONE of their businesses.

RELIEF PROGRAM	ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES	AMOUNT AVAILABLE PER BUSINESS
Micro Business Grant	Annual revenue up to \$50,000	\$5,000 Grant
Micro Business Grant	Annual revenue \$50,001 - \$75,000	\$10,000 Grant
Micro Business Grant	Annual revenue \$75,001 - \$100,000	\$15,000 Grant
Small Business Grant	Annual revenue \$100,001 -\$250,000	\$20,000 Grant
Small Business Grant	Annual revenue \$250,001 -\$500,000	\$25,000 Grant
Small Business Grant	Annual revenue \$500,001 - \$750,000	\$35,000 Grant
Small Business Grant	Annual revenue \$750,001 - \$850,000	\$40,000 Grant
Small Business Grant	Annual revenue \$850,001 - \$1,000,000	\$50,000 Grant

#### **ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS**

- 1. Payroll costs, costs related to the continuation of group health care benefits during periods of paid sick, medical, or family leave, and insurance premiums.
- 2. Mortgage interest payments (but not mortgage prepayments or principal payments); rent payments; utility payments; interest payments on any other debt obligations that were incurred before February 15, 2020.
- Expenses related to the expense of implementing COVID-19 including but not limited to specialized equipment, barriers, PDE's, and employee training expense to ensure compliance with state and federal CDC guidelines for reopening
- Any Covid-19 related expenses not already paid for with other relief measures such as state loans, US SBA Paycheck Protection Loans, local or regional grant and/or loan programs.
- 5. Interest payments on any other debt obligations that were incurred before February 15, 2020.



#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

# Most recent tax return filed (2019 or 2018) – must be in an electronic form for online upload, such as PDF. If the applicant is a startup as of January 1, 2020, a profit and loss statement as of 3/31/20 - must be in an electronic form for online upload, such as PDF. Copy of official filing with PA Department of State for your business such as: (one of the following); must be provided in electronic format for upload, such as PDF. Articles of Incorporation Certificate of Organization Fictitious Name registration Government issued Business License

#### **INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES**

- 1. Businesses that are not physically based in Pennsylvania
- 2. Businesses that are in active default (not on a payment plan) with taxes or fees owed to the Commonwealth
- 3. Non-Profits, Churches and other religious institutions
- 4. Financial businesses primarily engaged in the business of lending, such as banks, finance companies, and factors
- 5. Real estate development or rental property businesses
- 6. Life insurance companies
- 7. Private clubs and businesses which limit the number of memberships for reasons other than capacity
- 8. Government-owned entities or elected official offices
- 9. Businesses primarily engaged in political or lobbying activities
- 10. Businesses engaged in any illegal activity, socially undesirable or those that may be considered predatory in nature, such as pawnshops, rent to own, check cashing businesses and adult bookstores
- 11. An owner of 20 percent or more of the equity of the applicant is incarcerated, on probation, on parole; presently subject to an indictment, criminal information, arraignment, or other means by which formal criminal charges are brought in any jurisdiction; or has been convicted of a felony involving fraud, bribery, embezzlement, or a false statement in a loan application or an application for federal financial assistance within the last three years or any other felony within the last year

## APPLICATION PROCESS



#### START A NEW APPLICATION

# PENNSYLVANIA

This grant provides funds up to \$50,000 to small businesses in the state of Pennsylvania that have been impacted by COVID-19.

Applications accepted from June 24th - July 9th 2020

NEW APPLICATION

APPLY NOW

SIGN INTO YOUR ACCOUNT

E-Mail
Password

Forgot Password?

SUBMIT

#### QUALIFICATION

#### WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE GRANT?

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

#### - Most recent tax return filed (2019 or 2018)

- If the applicant is a startup as of January 1, 2020, a profit and loss statement as of 3/31/20
   Proof of tax payment plan (if not current)
- Proof of tax payment plan (if not current)
   Entity Docs including DBA or FBN certificate & proof of ownership
- Business License (if Sole Proprietor)

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any for-profit business or individual dba as a business in the state of Pennsylvania

#### APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS:

 Must be in business by February 15th, 2020
 Gross annual revenue less than or equal to \$1,000,000

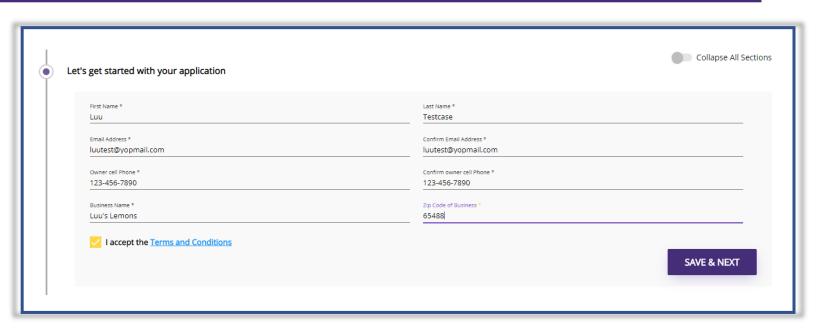
Full-time employees less than or equal to 25
 Use of funds must be related to COVID-19
 Must be in Pennsylvania(business only, not Owner)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

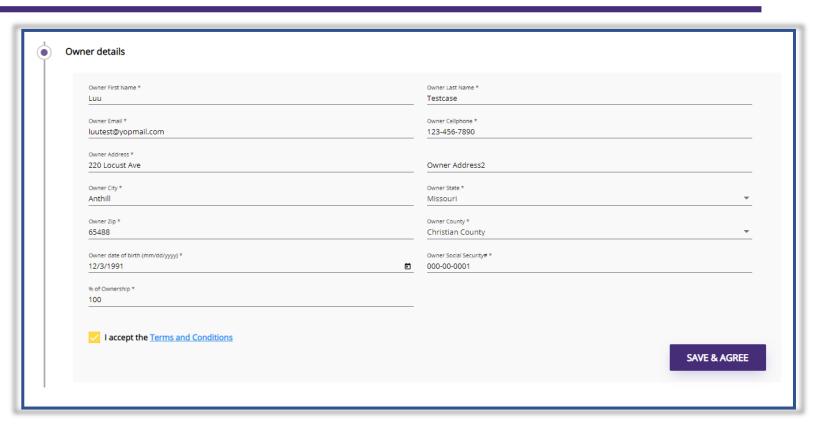
To begin your application, click [APPLY NOW].

**NOTE:** Please use Google Chrome for optimal web browser experience.

#### LET'S GET STARTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION

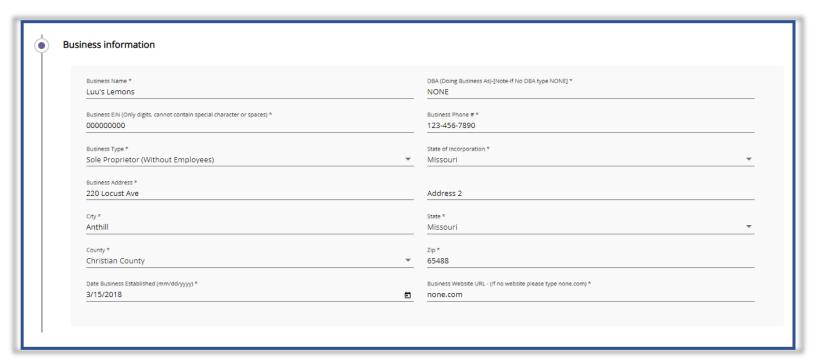


- First Name
- Last Name
- E-mail
- Phone Number
- Business Name
- Zip Code of Business



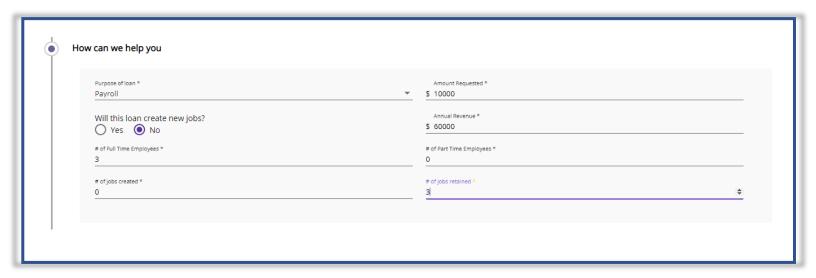
- Owner First Name
- Owner Last Name
- Owner E-mail
- Owner Address City, State, Zip Code, and County
- Owner Birthday
- Owner Social Security
- % of Ownership

#### **BUSINESS INFORMATION**



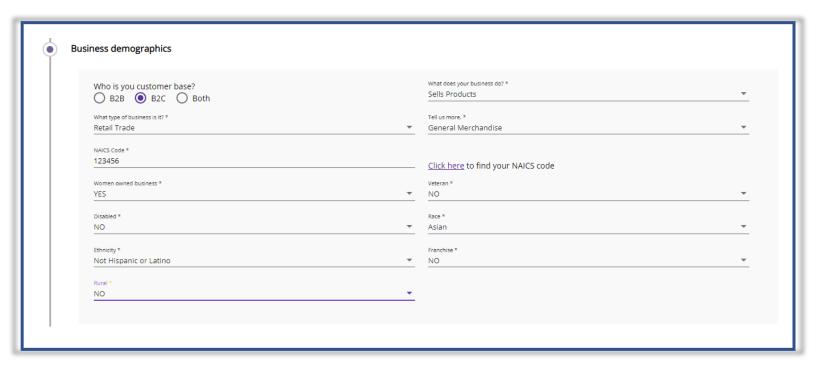
- Business Name
- DBA (if applicable)
- Business EIN
- Business Phone Number
- Business Type
- State of Incorporation
- Business Address, City, State, Zip Code, and County
- Business Start Date
- Business Website

#### **HOW CAN WE HELP?**

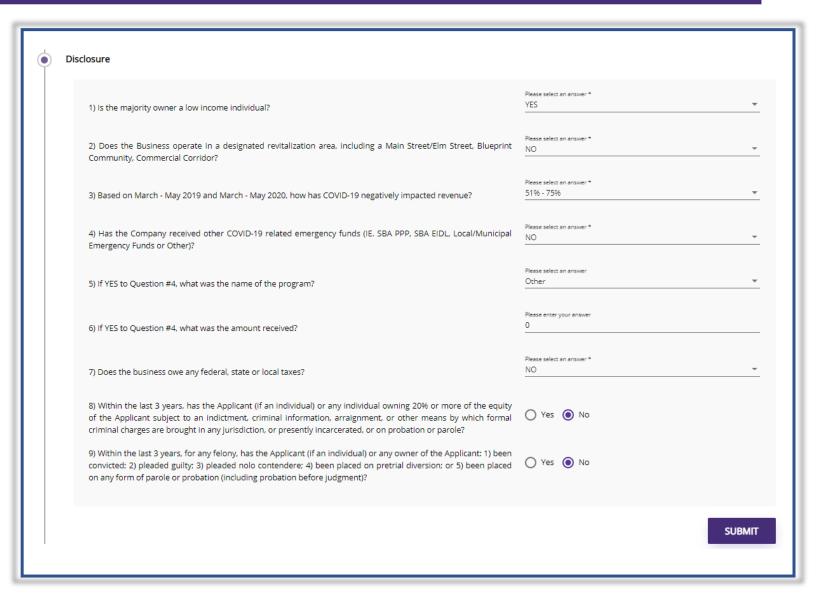


- Purpose of Loan
- Amount Requested
- Will this loan create new jobs?
- Annual Revenue
- # of Full-Time Employees
- # of Part-Time Employees
- # of Jobs Created
- # of Jobs Retained

#### **BUSINESS DEMOGRAPHICS**



- Who is your customer base?
- What does your business do?
- What type of business is it?
- Tell us more.
- NAICS Code
- Women Owned Business?
- Veteran?
- Disabled?
- Race?
- Ethnicity?
- Franchise?
- Rural?



#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Answer the disclosure and click [SUBMIT] to complete your application.



Thank you for applying for a grant through the Small Business Grant Program of Pennsylvania.

The link below will take you to the Lendistry portal and the new account created for Luu's Lemons We have partnered with Lendistry for the processing of your grant.

Please use  $\underline{\text{this link}}$  to add additional information or upload requested documentation.

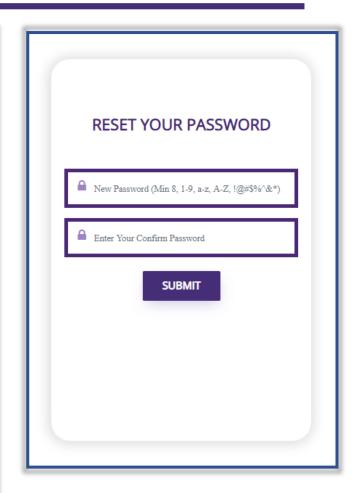
#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

You will receive the following message when your application has been successfully submitted.

You will also receive a confirmation email with login credentials.

#### **ACTIVATE ACCOUNT AND CHANGE PASSWORD**

Hi Luu, Thank you for applying for a grant through the Small Business Grant program of Pennsylvania. The link below will take you to the portal and the new account created for Luu's Lemons. Please use this link to add additional information or upload requested documentation. Clicking the button will activate your account. Click here to log in New username and password: Username: luutest@yopmail.com Password: y%Af\_YIJ59n 215-763-8824 info@beechinterplex.com Beech Capital Venture Corporate. All Rights

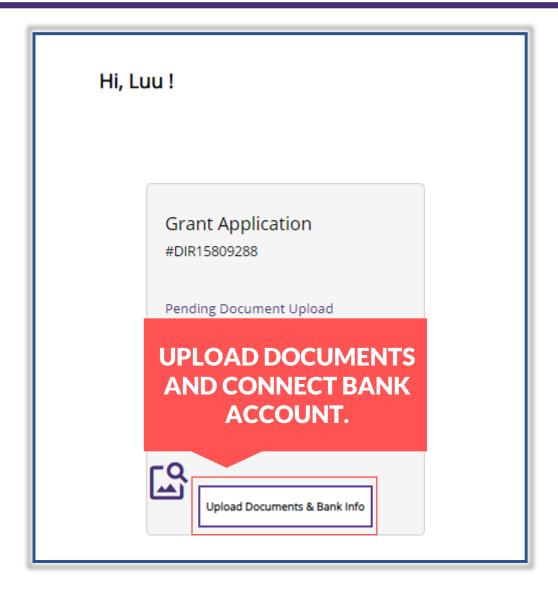


#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Activate your account by clicking [CLICK HERE TO LOGIN]. Use the username and password that is assigned to you in the confirmation email.

Once you login, you will be prompted to reset your password for your privacy.

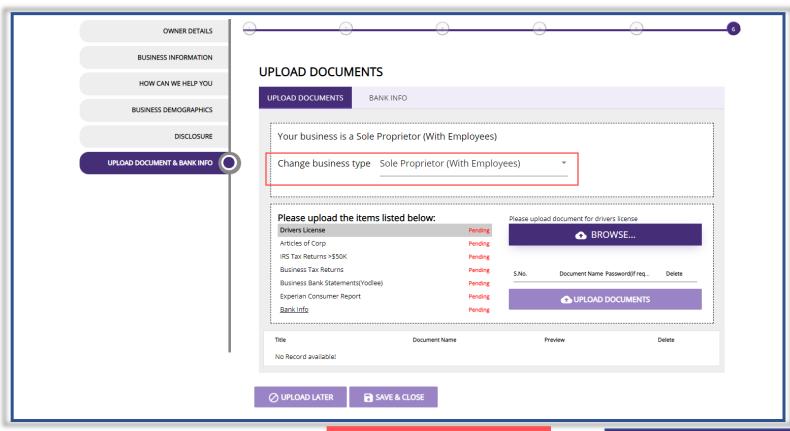
#### **UPLOAD DOCUMENTS & BANK INFO**

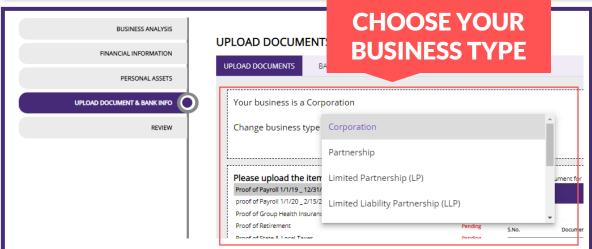


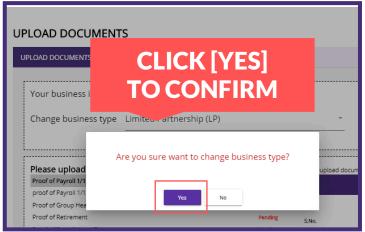
#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Once logged into the Portal, click [UPLOAD DOCUMENTS & BANK INFO] to submit the required documents and link your bank account.

#### **CHOOSE BUSINESS TYPE**









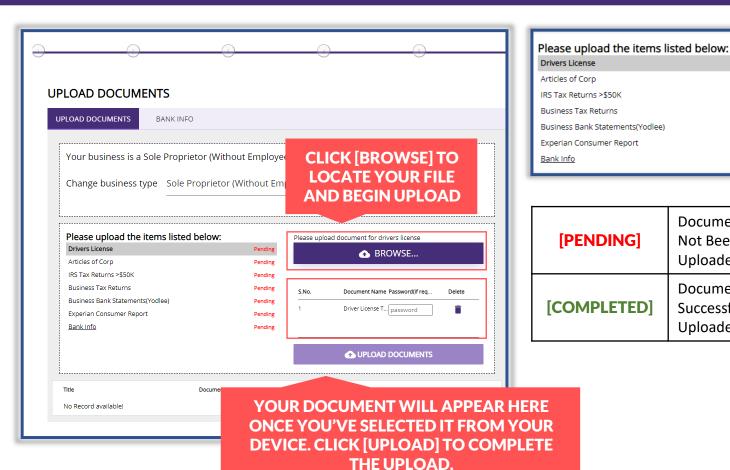
A notification will appear once you have successfully selected your business type.



Choose from the following business types:

- 1. Corporation
- 2. Partnership
- 3. Limited Partnership (LP)
- 4. Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- 6. Sole Proprietor (Without Employees)
- 7. Professional Corporation
- 8. Non-Profit
- 9. Sole Proprietor (With Employees)

#### **UPLOAD DOCUMENTS**



#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

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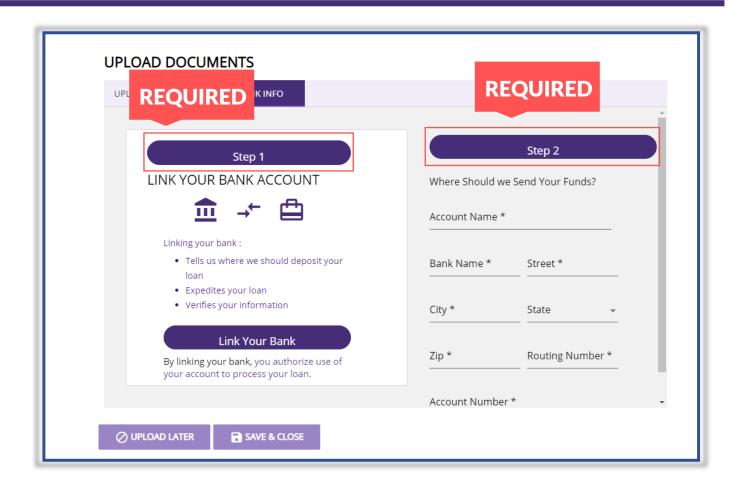
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Successfully

Begin uploading ALL listed documents. These documents are required, and your loan cannot be processed until all have been uploaded to the Portal.

- Select a document from the list. 1.
- Click [BROWSE] to locate the document on your device.
- Once you've selected the document from your device, it will appear on the portal screen. Click [UPLOAD DOCUMENTS] to complete the upload. **NOTE:** Enter the document password if one is required for access.
- The status of the document will change from [PENDING] to [COMPLETED] once it has been successfully uploaded into the
- Continue uploading documents until all have been marked as [COMPLETED].

#### LINK BANK ACCOUNT



#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Once you have uploaded ALL required documents, click [SAVE & CLOSE] to link your bank account to the portal. Enter the routing and account numbers to set up a direct deposit for your funds. Account Name MUST match your Business Name, as reflected in your bank statements.

NOTE: Both steps are required and must be completed for your application to be processed. Click [SAVE & CLOSE] when both are completed.

After clicking on [LINK YOUR BANK] to connect your bank to the portal, a pop-up window will open. Click [CONTINUE] to select your banking institution and sign into your online banking account. This will allow Lendistry to access your business bank statements.

Please note that
Lendistry DOES
NOT have access
to your Online
Banking ID and
Password. We are
only able to view
your banking
accounts, which
are used to verify
that your bank
statements are
accurate.