

# Summary of COVID-19 FINANCIAL PROGRAMS

Since the CARES Act passed into law on 3/27, new federal programs have become available to support qualified individuals, families and businesses. Programs currently running are outlined below.

## INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES



First round of stimulus checks sent on 4/15



IRS cautions against sharing personal info to avoid scams



Additional stimulus may become available with HEALS Act

### ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS (EIP)

Households with an income less than \$99,000 (or \$198,000 for joint filers) receive up to \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per child under 17

### GOVERNMENT-HELD STUDENT LOAN RELIEF

The CARES Act paused payments, suspended interest and ensured there are no collections on defaulted loans through 9/30; Presidential Memorandum extended an optional payment pause and interest suspension through 12/31

### CHARITABLE GIVING

Taxpayers can deduct up to 100% of AGI for itemized cash contributions to public charities (up from 60%) or an additional, "above-the-line" deduction for non-itemized cash gifts of up to \$300 in 2020

### RETIREMENT PLAN SUPPORT

*You qualify if you, your spouse or a dependent are diagnosed by a CDC-approved test or you have been financially impacted by COVID-19.*

New options, favorable tax treatment and special rollover rules for up to \$100,000 of distributions; Increased borrowing limits from eligible retirement plans (not IRAs); Up to an additional year to repay plan loans; No 2020 Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for retirees (even for inherited plans)

### MEDICAL EXPENSE EXPANSIONS

Temporary coverage for telehealth and other remote care services provided on or after 1/1 with lower (or no) deductibles, even with high deductible plans; Medical expense qualification for over-the-counter and menstrual care products reimbursable from tax-advantaged HSAs, Archer MSAs, Health FSAs, and HRAs

## SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

**\$134B** Remaining in available PPP support

**66.5K** Businesses in Oregon approved for PPP

**\$7B** PPP shared with Oregon businesses

### PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP)

\$659B authorized (~\$134B remaining) to help maintain eligible businesses with payroll, hiring back laid-off employees and covering some overhead costs

### ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN (EIDL)

Temporary revenue loss relief to cover working capital and normal operating expenses (e.g., health care benefits, rent, utilities, and fixed debt payments); small businesses and private non-profits applying for an EIDL may also request an Emergence Economic Injury Grant advance of up to \$10K

### SBA EXPRESS BRIDGE LOANS (EBL)

Expedites access to loans of up to \$25,000 for small businesses with an existing SBA Express Lender

### BUSINESS TAX CHANGES

**Payroll Tax Credit:** Qualified employers may receive a refundable payroll tax credit of up to \$5K per employee for wages between 3/13 and 12/31

**Payroll Tax Deferral:** Employers of any size not receiving PPP support may defer certain employment taxes for two years

**Corporate Giving:** Corporate donors can now deduct up to 25% of taxable income (up from 10%) for 2020 cash contributions to public charities

**Student Debt:** Until 12/31, employer payments of up to \$5,250 of an employee's student debt are tax-free for both employer and employee

### SBA DEBT RELIEF

*Not available for PPP loans or EIDL loans*  
Six-month reprieve from principal, interest, and associated fees owed for 7(a), 504, and Microloans in regular servicing status before 3/27 and disbursed prior to 9/27

## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

**3/27**

CARES Act put into effect

**7/31**

FPUC terminated

**8/8**

LWA established

**12/27**

LWA terminates

**12/31**

PUA and PEUC benefits end

### PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA)

Funding until 12/31 for individuals normally ineligible for unemployment benefits (e.g., gig workers, freelancers, independent contractors and small business owners whose income has been affected)

### PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (PEUC)

Through 12/31, individuals receiving unemployment whose benefits were due to expire will get 13 additional weeks

### LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE (LWA)

Separate from the CARES Act, this program was established by Presidential Memorandum on 8/8 to replace Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) weekly \$600 unemployment benefits with \$300 of weekly federal support; States have the opportunity to add an additional \$100 of benefits from FEMA funds they have received, if they are able