

Business Assistance

There are many resources available for business, employers and their employees affected by Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):

Reach out to your local leaders:

We encourage people to contact a member of their Montana Congressional Delegation to voice support for legislation to protect employees and employers during the economic slowdown caused by COVID-19. In addition, people can request assistance on how to access available federal resources for business owners, or work through with a federal agency.

Senator Jon Tester
(406) 586-4450

Senator Steve Daines
(406) 587-3446

Rep. Greg Gianforte
(406) 502-1435

US Department of Commerce / US Small Business Administration (SBA)

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers disaster assistance in the form of low-interest loans to businesses, renters and homeowners located in regions affected by declared disasters. Businesses are now eligible to apply for up to \$2 million in 30-year loans with an interest rate of 3.75 percent. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Businesses are now able to apply directly to the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

Helpful Links:

- [Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program](#)
- [Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [SBA Products and Resources](#)
- [Government Contracting](#)
- [Local Assistance](#)

Montana Department of Labor

The Montana Department of Labor has prepared a document for employers and employees with answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about unemployment coverage and benefits. Their FAQ document is updated regularly to reflect the questions they are receiving from employers and employees regarding COVID-19.

[MontanaWorks.gov – File for Unemployment](#)

MontanaWorks.gov is the Montana Department of Labor and Industry's portal to support businesses and job seekers. It serves as a one stop for applying for unemployment benefits. *People who think they are eligible for these benefits can apply for benefits online at: montanaworks.gov or contact the Unemployment Insurance Division over the phone at for UI benefits online or over the phone at: (406) 444-2545*

Additional resources are available locally in Gallatin County. The best way to reach individual services is to contact the [Montana Help Center](#) or by calling 2-1-1.