

4/03 Countywide LEM-Employer Coordination Call

- I. Welcome – Update: last week’s recording didn’t work. Notes to follow this call
- II. Introductions
- III. Current Status
 - A. County
 - i. Regional Dashboard: 211 Washington County, 800+ for state. 5% positive rate.
 - ii. We believe we’re getting new mask guidance; we’ll get that information to you when we receive it.
 - B. State Level
 - i. Please log on and fill out survey if you have the time
 - ii. April 1st: 90-day moratorium on commercial evictions. Rents won’t be terminated, but you need to show an effort to pay when you can.
 - iii. National Business Emergency Operations Center is active, great resources. Host calls on Mondays & Fridays at noon.
 - iv. Keeping close eye on food supply chain. We have a wave of migrant workers coming into the area in April. We’ve got good communication with those groups.
 - v. Communications with Washington
 - vi. Weekly grocer calls that have gone well. Continue to see little to no stock of paper products. Continue to engage with private-sector.
 - vii. Google’s mobility tool.
 - C. Federal CARES Act
 - i. Roughly 30 new programs that may impact small businesses, sole proprietors, etc. There’s a lot of bad information out there offering blanket advice. The advice is usually good for one, specific category. No real, good, blanket advice.
 - ii. Payroll protection loans (PPP)
 - a. Most businesses will want to pay attention to this. Allows you to request 2 ½ times your payroll. Look at your payroll, multiply by 2.5, that’s what you get to borrow. You have 8 weeks to spend it all (on approved expenses) once you receive it. If you spend it all, you don’t have to pay it back. Can spend it on rent, utilities, payroll. 1099 contractors can still be considered payroll payments. This program is aimed at paying for the payroll of people who do the work. Payroll costs also include employer’s contribution to health insurance and retirement plans, end of year one-time profit sharing if it goes to retirement. You must maintain the same headcount on June 30, 2020 as the average between Feb. 2020 and June 30, 2019 and the employees’ pay is 75% of what they made during that time. Anyone making over \$100K is capped at that.
 - b. Last night treasury issued guidance to banks on how to hand out these loans. Umpqua is the only local bank doing this now, but not taking new clients. Will be long lines, like with unemployment. By the time the banks figure it out, there will be many submitted application.
 - c. \$349 billion for this program. Not actually that much, so get your applications in. Call your CPA or lawyer. Don’t get the info from a bank.
 - d. There’s a good chance your employees would be better off on Unemployment.

iii. Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)

- a. Loans, non-forgivable. If you apply for EIDL, get the first \$10K, it's like a grant and doesn't have to be paid back, but if you get funds through PPP also, then the funds become repayable.

D. Economic Recovery in Washington County

- i. Spent Last couple weeks gathering information. Finalizing documents today & Monday, Board will review Tuesday. Grant & loan program. Strategy is that cities have taken the first pass at response and this is the mid-stream aid program.
- ii. Cognizant of making sure program is equitable.
- iii. Alex.vidal@co.washington.or.us happy to answer any questions or take input and share it with workgroup.
- iv. Website will be updated once the program is running.
- v. SBA link hasn't changed.
- vi. Business Oregon has tons of information for businesses and employers.
- vii. City economic relief programs are getting up and running, reach out to your commerce/city to see if there are programs in your city.

IV. Q&A

- A. Copy of meeting, email eoc-liaison@co.washington.or.us, will be sent out after the meeting.
- B. Update about Liaison Work
 - i. Toolkit for businesses about social distancing, FAQs, funding streams. Will be posted on WC Coronavirus page.
- C. Please reach out to your business next door, down the street, downstairs. Many businesses are surprised to hear from anyone. A lot of folks are down, and feeling alone. Reach out to the people around you and see how they're doing. Neighbors helping neighbors.
- D. Beaverton Chamber has daily couch chats.