

Joining the efforts to mitigate this difficult time for everyone,  
the Embassy of Cabo Verde in Washington, D.C., has compiled:

**A List of Potential Resources to Support the Affected Small or Medium Business  
within the Cabo-Verdean Community;**

Expressing commitment and solidarity in this difficult moment, working together with the Community Task-Force, the Embassy will be updating this information.

In the same way, efforts are in place to improve and facilitate the contacts with the Cabo-Verdeans in the United States, affected by the COVID-19.

In order to find out about possible potential support or assistance, please use the following contacts:

- email: [covid-19@caboverdeus.net](mailto:covid-19@caboverdeus.net);

Cabo-Verdean nationals without email access, can always get in touch through the Facebook of the Embassy of Cabo Verde in the United States of America by sending messages and video calls to:

- <https://www.facebook.com/EmbaixadaCaboVerdeWashingtonDC/>

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

- The US Congress has passed an additional \$484bn Covid-19 support small business, hospitals (<https://www.newsbreak.com/news/00qYk0IC/us-house-approves-interim-484-bn-covid-19-relief-bill>);
- **Small Business Relief Partnership Grant Program and Support**
- The Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General (AGO) has committed \$500,000 to assisting municipalities and regional planning agencies with the provision of financial relief to local small businesses most impacted by closures, policies, or general loss of revenue due to COVID-19.;
- MA municipalities and regional planning agencies will be awarded up to \$50,000 per request Grant funds may be used by small businesses to help address fixed debt, payroll, accounts payable, lost sales, lost opportunities, and other working capital expenses that could have been recognized had the COVID-19 pandemic not occurred. Industries include but are not limited to: food service and production; restaurants; bed and

breakfasts; housecleaners; laundromat or dry-cleaners; car repair/garage; barber shops/beauty salons; health care and social assistance; and small retail shops.

- **Forbes** has compiled a list of resources and articles that advise small businesses and citizens on their finances during the covid-19 outbreak. [This Forbes guide](#) aims to cut through the confusion and help you protect your finances in these uncertain times. check back frequently. They will update this page with the latest information and advice on everything from stimulus checks to tax, student loan, mortgage and small business relief, etc.,
- **FUNDING/ PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES:** [Open Road Alliance](#) is a private philanthropic initiative that provides capital to nonprofits and social enterprises for mid-implementation projects facing an unexpected roadblock or a sudden catalytic opportunity. In this time of uncertainty, nonprofits and social enterprises are being hit hard. Open Road Alliance is offering funding opportunities under two categories: 1) Charitable Grants will only be offered to organizations responding directly to COVID-19 and 2) Open Road will be offering four loan products to organizations affected by COVID-19.
- **The James Beard Foundation** recognizes the dire situation the food and beverage community is in due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To help bring swift economic relief to these essential businesses, the Foundation is launching a fund that will be gathering support from corporate, foundation, and individual donors to provide micro-grants to independent food and beverage businesses in need. [Apply](#) to the James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Industry Relief Fund here.;
- Small business owners across the country are feeling the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak and the economic ripples it's caused. That's where grants for businesses affected by the coronavirus outbreak come into the picture. Check out these [coronavirus small business grants](#) that your business might be eligible for.;
- [Kiva](#) recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has global impact and continue to explore ways to help as many people affected by this crisis as possible. Currently, the U.S. market is the place they have the most agility to deploy financial assistance. They are offering loans with up to \$15,000 with 0% interest rates for up to six months. If you're a small business owner who believes you can benefit from a Kiva loan, or you know one in your community, reach out. Find out more [here](#) and apply for a loan.;
- **Amazon** pledged \$5 million to the [Neighborhood Small Business Relief Fund](#) to provide cash grants to small businesses in Seattle that need financial assistance to stay afloat during the outbreak of coronavirus in the city.;
- Google for Small Businesses has put together [resources](#) to help your small business manage through uncertainty. Resources address challenges including communicating

with your customers, communicating with your employees, working remotely, and modifying your advertising.

- To help you navigate through these unprecedented times, here you'll find the most relevant EY insights on responding to volatility and building enterprise resilience through EY [resources on resilient enterprises](#);
- The [NextFifty Initiative](#) is accepting calls of interest for its [Collective Impact Challenge Grant](#) for collaborative projects that aim to improve the lives and capacities of people who are 50 and older in Colorado. The funding will support multisector, collaborative projects involving three or more nonprofit, private, or public partners; one grant of up to \$1 million over two years will be awarded. Phone calls to indicate interest must take place before April 15, and applications are due June 30.;
- [COVID-19 Business Resource Center](#): business support organization for women entrepreneurs. This business resource center has information on financial support, personnel issues, asking for help, managing your team remotely, reviewing government issues resources, and pausing or stopping operations.;
- To give businesses a better chance at survival post-disaster, the U.S. Chamber Foundation offers a free toolkit called [Resilience in a Box](#), in partnership with The UPS Foundation. This collection of resources educates business leaders on disaster preparedness and helps put them on a path to resilience. To help the business community share the measures it is taking, a customizable flyer was created. [Access the flyer here.](#);
- [Facebook Business Grants](#): Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where they operate. Details to be announced.;
- [Supporting startups during COVID-19](#): As many startups face sudden and acute challenges, companies with impactful technologies will need support more than ever. Elemental Excelsior remains committed to investing in 15-20 new companies this year, across energy, water, agriculture, mobility, and industry.;