

# Louisiana Loan Portfolio Guaranty Program FAQ

On April 1, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards announced a new Louisiana Loan Portfolio Guaranty Program ("LLPGP"), which will offer loans of up to \$100,000 to Louisiana small businesses of fewer than 100 employees that are impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

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#### 1. What is the LLPGP?

The LLPGP is a partnership of Louisiana Economic Development ("LED"), which will provide a loan guaranty fund; the Louisiana Bankers Association ("LBA"), whose participating members will offer the loans; and the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority ("LPFA"), which will administer the program.

The purpose of the LLPGP is to provide loans to Louisiana small businesses in response to COVID-19.

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# 2. Who is eligible to apply for the program?

For-profit small businesses domiciled in Louisiana which employ less than 100 employees that have been impacted by COVID-19.

# 3. What types of businesses are <u>not</u> eligible to participate in the program?

- Gaming businesses.
- Churches.
- Religious and non-profit organizations.
- Real estate developers.
- Pawn shops.
- Pay-day loans.
- Lending and investment concerns.
- Speculative activities.

# 4. How do I apply for an LLPGP loan?

Applicants are required to contact the bank or lending institution directly to apply.

# 5. Is there a fee to apply for an LLPGP loan?

No. There is no fee to apply for an LLPGP loan.

# 6. How long does the application process take?

It depends on the loan amount and the approving lending institution. However, it is expected to be an expedited process.

# 7. What is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be received by banks or lending institutions by April 30, 2020.

#### 8. What is the maximum LLPGP loan amount?

The maximum LLPGP loan amount is \$100,000.

#### 9. What can an LLPGP loan be used for?

The use of loan proceeds must be directly related to the economic injury caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Suggested uses include:

- Maintaining employee payroll for an eight-week period.
- Maintaining continuance of business operations within COVID-19 executive orders, proclamations, and relevant state agency guidance.

### 10. What types of financing are eligible?

Qualifying borrowers may take advantage of non-revolving lines of credit or term loans.

#### 11. How long do I have to pay an LLPGP loan back?

The term of the loan can range from one to five years.

#### **Important Links**

- To learn more about the LLPGP, click here.
- To read the press announcement, please click here.

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