



**Resources for
Farmer Veteran Coalition Members**
during the COVID-19 Emergency -*updated 28 April*

***Small Business Administration**

How they can help #1: The SBA is offering the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), which offers emergency grants of up to \$10,000 in cash to businesses that are losing revenue amid the coronavirus pandemic. This now includes farms.

Apply Here: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>

How they can help #2: Paycheck Protection Program has been replenished and provides forgivable loans to small businesses (including farmers) to keep their workers on the payroll. Apply quickly! The previous bill's funding ran out in less than two weeks. You can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating. You should consult with your local lender as to whether it is participating in the program.

Details Here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

***USDA - For a consolidated list of what USDA is offering in response to the COVID-19 crisis, look to this guide:** https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_COVID-19_Fed_Rural_Resource_Guide.pdf.

Food and Nutrition Service

How they can help: Offering flexibilities and contingencies in the following existing programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and National School Lunch and Breakfast programs. Even if you have not qualified for SNAP in the past, you may qualify now.

How to apply: Find our local SNAP office here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-directory>
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic>

Farm Service Agency

How they can help: The FSA offers various disaster Assistance Programs that help with loss in livestock, honeybees, farm-raised fish, crops and trees. FSA has made changes to farm loan, disaster, conservation and safety net programs to make it easier for customers to conduct business. This includes relaxing the farm loan-making process, servicing direct loans, and servicing guaranteed loans.

How to apply: Contact your local FSA office here: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/index>
<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>

Rural Development

How they can help: USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. There are direct and immediate loans, utilities services, and business cooperative services.

See Details Here:

https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_RD_SA_COVID19_ProgramImmediateActions.pdf

Conservation Reserve Program

How they can help: More than 3.4 million acres selected for the general signup Conservation Reserve Program. Through CRP, farmers and ranchers receive an annual rental payment for establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland.

See Details Here: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2020/usda-announces-more-than-34-million-acres-selected-for-general-signup-conservation-reserve-program-?utm_campaign=0326crpsignup&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Risk Management Agency

How they can help: RMA is authorizing additional flexibilities due to coronavirus while continuing to support producers, working through Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to deliver services, including processing policies, claims and agreements. These flexibilities include: enabling producers to send notifications and reports electronically, extending the date for production reports and providing additional time and deferring interest on premium and other payments.

See Details Here: <https://rma.usda.gov/en/News-Room/Press/Press-Releases/2020-News/USDA-Adds-Flexibilities-for-Crop-Insurance-to-Support-Americas-Farmers-and-Ranchers>

*The Independence Fund

Who they help: Veterans and caregivers who have been served by The Independence Fund in the past, or are currently involved in one of our programs, and have emergent needs.

How they can help: mortgage/rent, utilities, childcare, transportation services, home WiFi services, household cleaning and upkeep, grocery and medical product delivery and streaming services for work and learning.

How to apply:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOovKlj9KrX7IDHNnmXuAHzs5WMBJJrxTzJus2_X0dQA_F8RQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fbclid=IwAR00SONKVqJDZH16-DusWu6pQaFtaXeE_cguqtCslCOMsxxNCSJM0OsFqXo

* Facebook Small Business Grants Program

How they can help: Facebook has committed to offering up to 30,000 small businesses \$100 million in cash grants and Facebook advertising credits.

See Details Here: <https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grant>

* Hootsuite, the social media management platform

How they can help: In response to the global economic impact of COVID-19, Hootsuite is offering free access to their Professional plan to help small businesses and nonprofits stay connected to their customers and audiences. Plus, you'll get access to a free library of social media training courses to help you engage with your audience, create content efficiently, and manage crisis communications.

See Details Here: <https://hootsuite.com/pages/stay-connected>

*KIVA

How they can help: KIVA is offering zero-interest, zero-fee loans. As a result of COVID-19, the KIVA US program has expanded to 6-month grace with a \$15,000.00 loan maximum. This is a great opportunity to ensure your business' doors stay open even in tough economic times.

Apply Here: <https://www.kiva.org/borrow>