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Dear Members and Supporters of the West Philadelphia Corridor Collaborative,

I hope this letter finds in good health. Today, I am writing to brief you on the status of new federal resources now available under the federal CARES Act signed into law by President Trump on March 27th.

The federal Small Business Administration has released the guidelines and terms of the following programs. **It is my strong recommendation for you to apply for these programs as soon as possible, as there's no way to know when funding may expire.**

[Paycheck Protection Program \(Officially Opening April 3rd\)](#) – Small Businesses, Certain Non-Profit Organizations are now eligible to apply for loans of up to \$10 Million. Loan maximums are set by the total amount of payroll expenses (how much your business paid employees or contractors) within the last 8 weeks plus 25%. If approved, any funds the business spends on eligible expenses (paying employees, benefits, utilities, etc.) will be forgiven, becoming a grant. Any funds used for non-eligible expenses must be repaid over 2 years at 0.5% interest. Additionally, the federal government will waive all payments for the first six months of the loan.

[Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Loan Advance](#) – Loans of up to \$2 Million for small businesses. Approved loans will be funded within 3 days of applying. Eligible companies can receive an advance of up to \$10,000.00 while waiting for a loan decision. The \$10,000.00 becomes a grant if the loan is not approved.

[SBA Debt Relief](#): The SBA will provide guidelines to SBA 7(a) lenders for existing loans – to forgive all loan payments for a period of six months. **Businesses with current SBA Loans should check with their Lenders to see if their loan qualifies for the automatic relief.**

The CARES Act also allocates a \$5 Billion fund to be shared by states and cities like Philadelphia for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding. We remain in contact with local officials to determine guidance on how Philadelphia will allocate those funds.

Lastly, we understand that there is a lot of information out there about where to go for resources. We've put together a single flow-chart that we think should be helpful in navigating where to go. I want to thank the Office of Congressman Dwight Evans and other supporters who contributed to the development of the chart with resources. See it attached to my letter.

We will get through this together,

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