

Arkansas Resource Guide for COVID-19

Federal Resources

- **Paycheck Protection Program**
For info and to apply [click here](#). Other Small Business Administration Relief Options [click here](#).
- **Most federal grant deadlines have been extended and some have added extra funding.**
For Arkansas, the USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program is helpful for most businesses, government agencies, and residents. For info [click here](#) and [here](#). To find your local contact [click here](#).
- **Private employers earn tax credits** for the required paid leave given to employees during this time. See [here](#).
- **Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grants**
Health care Facilities see fact sheet [here](#).
- **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants.**
See fact sheet [here](#). Apply through grants.gov [here](#).
- **State Trade Expansion Program** provides financial awards to state and territory governments to assist small businesses with export development. For more info [click here](#).
- **For Grant Writing Help** email hkesterson@wcapdd.org.

Other Recourses

Restaurants and Restaurant Workers check out available funding from the following:

- [Restaurant Opportunities Centers](#)
- [Southern Smoke](#)

Service Industry Providers can find funding available through the [One Fair Wage Emergency Fund](#)

Other Small Business Grants are provided through the following organizations:

- [Verizon Wireless](#)
- [Nav](#)

State Resources

Visit <https://www.arkansasedc.com/covid19> for information on the following:

- Arkansas businesses who need **quick action loans**
- **Shared Work Unemployment Compensation Program**
This is for employers to offer partial unemployment benefits in lieu of layoffs.
- If your business has disruptions in **supply chain optimization** (visit additional resources)

Struggling Arkansas nonprofits and business are eligible to apply for grants from the following organizations:

- [Arkansas Community Foundation](#)
- [Blue & You Foundation](#)

Please visit your local Chamber of Commerce website for local assistance. This is the most efficient and fastest way to receive help during this time!

Resources for Individuals

- **For Arkansas Unemployment Resources** [click here](#). To file [click here](#).
- **Housing** - For housing assistance call the Department of Housing and Urban Development at (501) 918-5700 or email AR_Webmanager@hud.gov. Also, look for housing resources throughout Arkansas by clicking [here](#).
- **Energy**- Contact your energy company as most are providing assistance at this time. For state assistance [click here](#).
- **Food**- Families with school age children should contact their local school district. For the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance call (501) 399-9999 or email info@arhungeralliance.org. Also, call the Arkansas Food Bank at (501) 565-8121.
- **Childcare** – For info [click here](#) or call (501) 682-8590. ChildCare Aware also has resources [here](#).