



Helping Small Businesses Through COVID-19

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Help them apply for unemployment with VEC

(<http://www.vec.virginia.gov/node/11699>)

- You can use this letter template which will help prove their job has been temporarily compromised because of COVID-19
- [Template](#)

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You can check out [these resources](#) for Food and Beverage based employees

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[Sign this petition](#) to help local food service-based businesses

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE

Support for Affected Workers

Governor Northam announced the following actions to protect working Virginians impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak:

- **No waiting for unemployment benefits.** Governor Northam has directed the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission to waive the one-week waiting period to ensure workers can receive benefits as soon as possible.
- **Enhanced eligibility for unemployment.** Workers may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits if an employer needs to temporarily slow or cease operations due to COVID-19. If a worker has been issued a notice to self-quarantine by a medical or public health official and is not receiving paid sick or medical leave from their employer, they may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits. In addition, a worker may be eligible for unemployment benefits if they must stay home to care for an ill family member and are not receiving paid family medical leave from their employer.
- **Fewer restrictions.** For individuals receiving unemployment insurance, Governor Northam is directing the Virginia Employment Commission to give affected workers special consideration on deadlines, mandatory re-employment appointments, and work search requirements.

The Office of the Governor is providing a [Frequently Asked Questions guide](#) for workers that have been temporarily laid off or discharged during this public health crisis.

<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SBA Disaster Relief Fund

- Loans up to \$2 million
- 3.75% interest for small businesses
- 2.75% interest for nonprofits
- Term length varies based on individual's ability to repay the loan
- [Application info](#)

SCCF COVID-19 Relief Fund

- Loans up to \$5,000
- 2% to 3%
- Term length varies between 12 to 36 months
- Interest only payments are available
- [For info email hello@stauntonfund.org](mailto:hello@stauntonfund.org)

Waynesboro Emergency Relief Fund

- Loans up to \$5,000
- 0% interest
- 3-year term
- 2-day turnaround
- Funds are Limited
- [Application Info](#)

Grant Opportunities

- Check out the Alice COVID-19 Resource Center [Here](#)



LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS HERE TO HELP

SV SBDC

- Shenandoah Valley Small Business Development Center
- They can help you understand your current financial situation and help you apply for the SBA Disaster Relief Fund
- Contact Joyce Krech at krechjh@jmu.edu

Lord Fairfax SBDC

- Lord Fairfax Small Business Development Center
- They can help you understand your current financial situation and help you apply for the SBA Disaster Relief Fund
- Contact Christine Kriz at ckriz@lfcc.edu

Dalton Campbell – Anchor Financial

- Dalton can help you do a deep dive on your financial situation and help produce some solutions during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Contact Dalton at dcampbell@anchor-financial.com

SCCF

- We're here to help. We can help with connections to other resources or getting an application started for our loan fund.
- Contact us at hello@stauntonfund.org



GREAT RESOURCES TO FOLLOW

Staunton Downtown Development Association

- [Staunton Business Closings and Updates](#)

Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance

- [Resilience Initiative](#)
- [Harrisonburg Business Closings and Updates](#)

Waynesboro Economic Development

- [Resources and How They are Helping](#)

Main Street Lexington

- [Lexington Business Closings and Updates](#)

Shenandoah County

- [Business Information and Updates](#)

Woodstock

- [Woodstock Business Closings and Updates](#)

Chambers of Commerce

- [Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [HR Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Lexington Rockbridge Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [New Market Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Top of Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Alice COVID-19 Business Resource Center](#)