## **CARES ACT SEMINAR**

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## PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

(\$350 Billion allocated under CARES)

## KEY FEATURES OF PPP

#### > Loan Amount

- 2.5 times average monthly payroll 12 months preceding February 15, 2020 plus 25%
- · Cap of \$10 million
- Now through June 30, 2020
- Purpose keep employees on payroll or hire back laid off employees
- · No independent contractors (they can apply on their own)

#### Lender (local banks – SBA Guaranteed)

· Some larger businesses received funds early this week

#### Eligibility (broad)

- Any business, non-profits, sole proprietor, self-employed individual, independent contractor
- Up to 500 employees (loophole for businesses with more)

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## THE GOOD

- o No collateral, personal guarantee or fees
- 。 1% interest
- No payment for 6 months
- 2 year maturity
- Simple 2 page application
- o Loan forgiven if
  - 75% fund payroll and related expenses
    - ✓ Must maintain full time employees for 8 weeks after loan disbursed
  - 25% for mortgage interest, rent and utilities
    - ✓ Obligation must have originated before February 15, 2020

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## THE NOT SO GOOD

- o Money will run out
- Decline in full time headcount or wages impact forgiveness
- o Cap of \$100k salary (cap that can be forgiven)
- 。 Other Uses will not be eligible for forgiveness

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## SBA DISASTER LOANS

## **SBA DISASTER LOANS**

- Already in place but expanded through CARES
- Available Through December 31, 2020
- Loan Amount up to \$2 million
  - Also can obtain emergency grant up to \$10k from SBA (\$10 billion set aside)
    - ✓ Emergency Grant Fund use restricted
    - ✓ Upon completion of package even if loan declined
- Eligibility limited to for-profit entities
- Must have been in business since January 31, 2020.

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#### SBA DISASTER LOANS

#### THE GOOD

- o Long term loans generally 15 and up to 30 years
- 3.75% interest for borrowers (non-profits 2.75%)
- o No guarantee for loans less than \$200,000
- No limit on uses general working capital

## **SBA DISASTER LOANS**

#### **NOT SO GOOD**

- More paperwork(e.g., credit score, tax returns, PFS)
- SBA apprently slow
- Real estate collateral required for loans above \$500,000
- o Must have P&L for 12 month ending January 31, 2020

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# ADVISING A DISTRESSED/INSOLVENT BUSINESS

## **Profile of Business Owner**

- o No cash in business account, i.e., closed
- o Owner personally liable for most business debts
  - Bank loans
  - · Credit Cards
  - Leases
- o Owner putting money into business to pay expenses
  - · Hopefully not from retirement accounts

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#### **INSOLVENT CLIENT**

#### DO NOT

- o Pay rent or bank loans(if business not operating and no cash)
  - Lenders/landlords will work with borrowers/tenants
- o Apply for internet loans
- o Let owner throw good money after bad
- Let owner take money out of business if there are delinquencies
  - · Including through shareholder loan repayment
- o Put business into chapter 7 bankruptcy
  - o No discharge for corporate debtors in liquidation

## **INSOLVENT** CLIENT

#### DO

- o Conserve cash
- o Apply for PPP
- o Check business interruption coverage
- o Ask lenders/landlords for forbearance
  - o Force majeure?
- o Talk to owner about prospects for business in Pandemic era
  - Does it make sense to continue?