

# Support for Colorado Small Businesses: Unlocking Federal and State Resources

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# Panelists:

- **Frances Padilla**, Small Business Administration
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- **Lorena Cantarovici**, Founder and Owner of Maria Empanada
- **Aikta Marcoulier**, Director of Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center
- **Joey Jenkins**, State Director of Colorado Small Business Development Center Network



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# Small Business Administration Federal Relief Programs

- SBA Core Program Temporary Incentives
- SBA Debt Relief continuation
- Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program(s)
- Shuttered Venues Operator Grant
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

Find more SBA Info at: [www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief)



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# State Small Business Relief Program

- Businesses in 32 Counties are Eligible
- Restaurants, Bars, Caterers, Movie Theaters and Gyms/Recreation Centers
- Headquartered in Colorado with at Least One Employee
- Less than \$2.5 Million in Revenue
- 20% Decline in Revenue Due to Capacity Restrictions
- Apply Directly to Your Local Government (list available at [cdola.colorado.gov/small-business-relief](https://cdola.colorado.gov/small-business-relief))



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# Maria Empanada: Experience with PPP

- Lorena Cantarovici, founder of Maria Empanada
- 2017 recipient of US Small Business Administration's Small Business Person of the Year Award for Colorado
- Utilized PPP in 2020



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# State Technical Assistance Programs

- Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network ([coloradosbdc.org](http://coloradosbdc.org))
  - Mission: help new and existing businesses grow and prosper
  - 15 centers across Colorado
  - Combines information and resources to consult new and existing businesses, offering services in many languages



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# State Technical Assistance Programs

- SBDC COVID relief technical assistance
  - Virtual consulting and workshops
  - Business assessments
  - Technical assistance in SBA loan applications, local, state, and federal grant programs



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# Questions and Answers



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# Resources

- SBA Program Information
  - [sba.gov/fundingprograms](https://sba.gov/fundingprograms)
- Information in Multiple Languages
  - [sba.gov/page/coronavirus-recovery-information-other-languages](https://sba.gov/page/coronavirus-recovery-information-other-languages)
- OEDIT COVID website: [oedit.colorado.gov/covid19](https://oedit.colorado.gov/covid19)
  - Sign up for COVID email updates
- Contact your local SBDC
  - [coloradosbdc.org/who-we-are/locations](https://coloradosbdc.org/who-we-are/locations)
- Contact the Minority Business Office
  - [oedit.colorado.gov/minority-business-office-of-colorado](https://oedit.colorado.gov/minority-business-office-of-colorado)
- Educational Webinars
  - [smallbusinessmajority.org/webinars](https://smallbusinessmajority.org/webinars)



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