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COVID -19 Update (Updated may 4)

Even though City Hall is closed, the Economic Development Department is focused on providing information to city businesses about the crisis and about resources available to them. We recognize the extreme hardship this is putting on all of our businesses, especially those who are having to completely close or drastically scale back operations.

Please go to these resources for assistance:

General information: Bristol Chamber of Commerce – Bristol Stands 2-gether
<https://www.bristolchamber.com/bristol-stands-2gether>

Regional Economic Assistance Directory: www.regionahead.com Provides a portal for businesses in the Tri-Cities area to obtain assistance including grants. Also, donations to the Local Business Recovery Fund may be made.

Downtown Businesses – www.believeinbristol.org Provides information about an emergency loan fund as well as other updates.

A good source for assistance information is: <https://www.vacommunitycapital.org/> which has links to federal and state programs, including the SBA payroll protection program, and a webinar series specifically for businesses.

To apply for federal SBA loan assistance, go to <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

You also may want to contact one of these area banks or agencies who are approved SBA lenders:

Bank of Marion	Regions Bank
New People's Bank	BB & T
Powell Valley Bank	First Community Bank
First Horizon Bank	Citizens Bank
Eastman Credit Union	People, Inc. Financial Services, Abingdon

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation grants. <https://savesmallbusiness.com/>

Tourism-related Businesses: <https://www.vatc.org/coronavirus/cv19businessresources/>

If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Wilcox, Economic Development Director at chris.wilcox@bristolva.org or 276-696-1195 Cell.

For all other matters or general questions, please contact Amy Dula at 276-645-7470 and leave message if necessary.