

April 10, 2020

**City of San Antonio and Bexar County COVID19 Response**

**BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT Working Group**

**CALL TO ACTION**

Keep businesses and jobs alive.

**UPDATES**

- Access to business loans for small businesses is high priority.
- Access to unemployment benefits for workers is high priority.
- Options for non-traditional businesses and employees not eligible for federal packages are high priority.
- Flexibility with non-payroll expenses, such as property taxes needed to assist with payroll.
- Tax Assessor - collected 90% of revenue for this year, deferred payments only available for seniors and veterans. Payment plan available for all else, it forgives late fee penalties but not interest; interest is state law.
- Tax Collector - 100,000 appraisal notices going out to businesses represented by firms. Others not to go out until mid to late May, with extension of protest deadline.

**REFERRALS TO:**

**FEDERAL & STATE GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY**

**Advocate for property tax flexibility / interest fee reduction to Governor.** CW Gonzales's office to draft language requesting property tax flexibility to forward to Government Advocacy workgroup.

**PHILANTHROPY**

**Include non-profit or advocate for immigrant populations on Philanthropy workgroup.**

**Assist those not eligible for federal stimulus funding.**

Michelle Tremillo to forward to Social Services Workgroup and/or Philanthropy Workgroup materials around request for financial assistance for those not eligible for stimulus relief.

**FOOD SECURITY & SHELTER**

Ensure those eligible and in need of deferred property tax payments know their options.

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**SOCIAL SERVICES**

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**IN PROGRESS**

SAEDF has coordinating members of the business community and created a Business Response and Recovery Team and three other workgroups. SAEDF working with bankers and UTSA small business program to provide technical assistance to small businesses. Will work to scale up and promote with support from working group.

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City of San Antonio Economic Development staff to work with Alamo Workforce on unemployment access.

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