



## COVID-19 Updates & Important Information

~JANUARY 12, 2021~

### PPP is Re-Opening for New and Existing Borrowers



The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Treasury Department, announced today that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) will re-open the week of January 11 for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers.

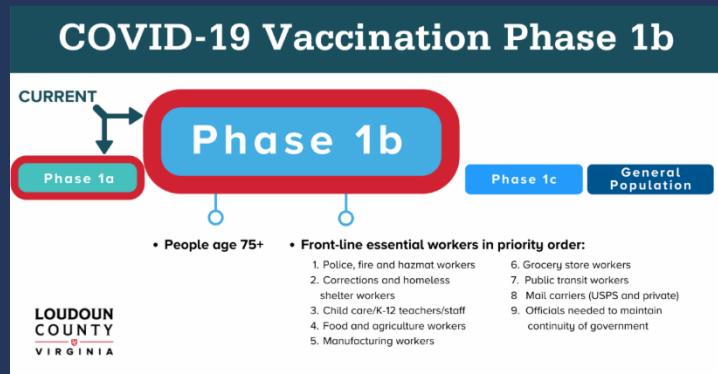
To promote access to capital, initially only community financial institutions will be able to make First Draw PPP Loans on Monday, January 11, and Second Draw PPP Loans on Wednesday, January 13. The PPP will open to all participating lenders shortly thereafter.

For more information, visit [sba.gov/ppp](http://sba.gov/ppp) or [treasury.gov/cares](http://treasury.gov/cares).

[Read the news release from Loudoun Economic Development](#)

## Are You in Phase 1b? Here's What You Need to Know

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced that Loudoun County will enter Phase 1b of the COVID-19 vaccination efforts on Monday, January 11, 2021. Loudoun County is working with its community partners—which include pharmacies, health care systems, schools and employers—to help people in Phase 1b know from whom they will receive vaccine, how to make an appointment to receive a vaccine, and where to go to get vaccinated.



Loudoun Health is responding to inquiries regarding vaccine distribution as quickly as possible, and adding additional capacity. The best way to reach Loudoun Health is through email at [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov) if you are in Phase 1a or 1b, not by calling. You will receive an email from the Health Department about your status and to request information on what is needed to enter you in the system and schedule an appointment when the vaccine is available for you. It may take some time. Loudoun Health and Loudoun County Government are receiving and responding to many emails right now, but please be patient! We are ramping up our systems as more vaccine becomes available and Virginia opens up new phases.

[Learn More](#)

## Firefighters Team Up with Mobile Hope and One Warm Coat® for Annual Coat Drive



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, along with the Loudoun Career Firefighters Association Local 3756, have once again partnered with One Warm Coat and Mobile Hope Loudoun to collect winter apparel for local residents in need. This year due to COVID-19 we will be collecting coats through a contactless drop off.

To limit contact between donors and to help protect everyone, we will not be using Loudoun County Fire and Rescue stations as drop off locations. Instead, those wishing to donate new or gently used winter apparel must make arrangements to drop off donations during pre-scheduled drop off events.

The process is simple!

- Collect your new or gently used and clean coats, jackets, scarves, winter hats, gloves, and mittens.
- Visit our sign-up page LC-CFRS Coat Drop-off to select a convenient drop off time and location.
- All donated items will be given to Mobile Hope Loudoun for distribution to local people in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to taking care of our Loudoun County community. Those looking to make a monetary donation instead may visit [2021 LC-CFRS Coat Drive Facebook Fundraiser](#).

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## Loudoun Economic Development Sponsors 15 Scholarships for FireUp Business Mentoring and Coaching Program

Loudoun County small business owners are encouraged to apply for the upcoming cohort of the FireUp Business Mentoring and Coaching Program, a program designed to set your business up for success in the digital era.



The cohort brings together businesses from the region in partnership with Loudoun County, Prince William County, the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County and the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia.

Participants in the program will gain access to expertise across business strategy, marketing and finance, which may not typically be available to businesses of this size.

The open application period runs from January 12-26, and applications will be considered in the order that they are submitted online.

[Find Out If You Are Eligible and Apply Today](#)

## Workforce Resource Center to Host Virtual Job Fair with Local Employers January 27

### **Virtual Job Fair**

**Wed., January 27, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Virtually meet dozens of employers with open positions. Featuring full-time, part-time and flex-schedule job opportunities in Loudoun and the region.

**Register: [loudoun.gov/januaryjobfair](http://loudoun.gov/januaryjobfair)**



The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host a Virtual Job Fair on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Virtual Job Fair will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and flex-schedule job openings in Loudoun County and the region. Over 30 employers from various

industries will be attending. Those planning to attend the job fair must register in advance online.

To help job seekers get the most out of the virtual job fair, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center encourages job seekers to attend the webinar, "Ask an HR Pro: Resumes & Recruitment," on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[Get More Info and Register Online](#)

## LCPS Computer Science Virtual Tech Internship Fair

The Loudoun County Public Schools Computer Science - Experiential Learning Program has announced the Virtually Tech Internship Fair on **January 13, 2021, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.**

This event will be virtual and will provide students with the opportunity to learn resume building skills for Computer Science in a session hosted with Google. Students also can explore current internship opportunities with companies offering virtual internships this school year and summer.

This virtual internship fair is open to all LCPS students. The schedule is now live on Sched at <https://virtuallytech2021.sched.com/> as of Monday, December 14th.

Registration for this event can be found at: <https://bit.ly/virtuallytechfair>

Questions may be directed to Kristina Lee at [Kristina.Lee@lcps.org](mailto:Kristina.Lee@lcps.org).



## DEADLINE: New Program Offers Grants Up to \$10,000 for Minority-Owned Businesses



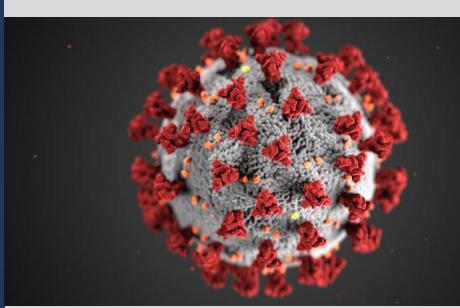
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## Minority Owned Small Business Grant Program

The Community Foundation invites minority owned small businesses to apply to receive grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Organizations eligible to apply will demonstrate 51% ownership identifying as African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, or Native American and residents of Loudoun County. Eligible businesses also must demonstrate that they are located in Loudoun County with annual net revenues less than \$250,000, or less than \$500,000 for businesses with three or more full-time employees.

Funds are expected to be distributed no later than February 1, 2021. Eligible businesses can [click here to apply by January 19, 2021](#).

## Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))



Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](http://loudoun.gov/coronavirus).
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCVIDESP** al **8887 77** para actualizaciones diarias relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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