

UPdates for May 1, 2020

Check with Your Lender on the Status of Your PPP Application

With the additional \$321 billion in the Paycheck Protection Program that was approved last week, please note that funds have been set aside for smaller banks and credit unions to ensure small businesses are able to participate. If you previously applied, and did not receive funding, you do not need to reapply, but it is suggested you contact your lender/banker to confirm the status of your application.

Construction Projects Can Move Forward

Governor Inslee has eased restrictions on construction projects so that those that were in progress prior to the COVID-19 outbreak can move forward. U.P.'s Planning and Development Services department is ready to help builders and developers as they restart operations. For more information, visit the department's [webpage](#) or call Lindsay Murtha at 253.460.2509 or Amy Aplin at 253.460.5406.

Ways to Help and Be Helped

Private sector buyers and sellers of personal protective equipment can use FEMA's PPE Exchange [dashboard](#) to connect and help address the shortage of these critical supplies. *Please note: the dashboard is not for government contracting.* Anyone in the community who has supplies they would like to donate or want to help in other ways to support the COVID-19 response, please contact the [Pierce County Emergency](#)

Operations Center or the **State of Washington's Coronavirus Response page**.

Reserve Your Space for the Next ScaleUp: COVID-19 Edition Online Business Class

The State of Washington Department of Commerce launched a special new course to help small businesses navigate the current economic climate while building resiliency. *ScaleUp: COVID-19 Edition* is a free, online course designed to help businesses improve their strategic thinking and decision-making.

The ideal candidate for ScaleUp is the president or owner of a business that has been in operation for two years and has annual revenues in excess of \$100,000. Registration fills up quickly, since the course is only available to 100 businesses at one time. The class that begins on May 6 is full, but those interested in participating in the next session that is offered can add their name to a waiting list [here](#).

ScaleUp is a partnership between the Washington State Department of Commerce, Thurston EDC Center for Business Innovation and local economic development organizations.

Continue to Watch the City's COVID-19 Business Support Page

Don't forget to check out the Economic Development Department's special **COVID-19 Business Support** page on the City of University Place website. We update it regularly with information we receive so that it can serve as a repository of critical information and resources for local businesses.

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