

Legislative Session Updates and GOED opportunities

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Many businesses in Utah have remained open by taking advantage of state incentive opportunities. For information about all of the state's business COVID-19 grants, loans, and programs go to <https://business.utah.gov/coronavirus/>. This link will take you to all of the programs including those highlighted below.

The applications are currently suspended while the processes are adjusted to accommodate the [Legislature's updates](#) from last week's session. Application open dates are still to be determined. Updates will be provided as soon as possible.

Updates from the August 20, 2020 legislative session:

- The [Shop In Utah grant](#) received an additional \$30 million--\$20 million in federal CARES Act funds and \$10 million of the initial ComRent appropriation. To qualify for the Shop In Utah grant, an organization must be negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and offer a discount of 50% of its grant amount to customers.

**Many businesses across the state have been awarded the Shop In Utah grant funds. Click here to [view the offers](#), Feel free to share and encourage your friends to support these and other businesses.

- [Commercial Rent Assistance Program \(ComRent\)](#) was modified is **NOW OPEN:**
 - Allows for mortgage payments
 - 2 – 3 months of rent with of cap of \$5,000 per month
 - Small businesses with up to 150 full-time employees
 - Includes startup businesses that began after March 1 that show a net loss

- [Safe In Utah](#) per-employee grant cap was raised from \$100 to \$250 for each employee, or for the business entity's actual or anticipated expenses—the lesser of the two.

**\$3.9 million remains to be dispersed.

- [Learn & Work In Utah](#) provides workers with new skills through affordable and flexible short-term programs to connect them with rewarding careers in a variety of online, in-person, and hybrid formats at colleges and universities throughout the state.

- **Oil, Mining and Gas Grant** - Companies that have incurred expenses or are operating at a net loss due to the public health emergency related to COVID-19

are eligible to participate in this new grant program. Additional information and instructions for applicants are forthcoming.

For any questions about the GOED COVID-19 incentives, feel free to contact Dane Ishihara at dishihara@utah.gov