Delivering Support for Small Businesses

Consumers Energy is here to help your company during the coronavirus crisis

We are committed to helping Michigan’s small business community prosper, now more than ever.

Small businesses throughout the state are suddenly struggling to survive after closing to help us stay safe during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Consumers Energy can provide meaningful and immediate help by:

• Working with you on your utility bill.

• Connecting you to potential sources of state and federal relief.

• Providing new business opportunities through the Pure Michigan Business Connect Program.

Call us at 800-805-0490 to arrange a customized payment plan for your energy bill and to learn how to find additional short-term help.

Learn more on back.
Your First Step: Call Consumers Energy

Please contact us if the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has made it challenging to meet basic businesses expenses such as rent, payroll or utility bills.

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Don’t wait to talk with us. Helping you bridge this gap successfully is one of our top priorities because we understand small businesses are the backbone of Michigan’s economy.

Here are just a few additional sources of local, state and federal help that may be available to your small businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

Paycheck Protection Program
On June 4, Congress made important changes to PPP, which offers potentially forgivable loans to small businesses to help pay employees during the crisis. The changes eased restrictions, providing additional time and flexibility for small business owners to use funds, and are intended to expand the number of loans which qualify for forgiveness. Borrowers can now use up to 40 percent of PPP loans for expenses such as rent, mortgage and utility payments.

Local Grants
Many communities are offering short-term, emergency financial relief for small businesses. The assistance includes $1.8 million in grants from the Consumers Energy Foundation distributed by local organizations throughout Michigan. Details and application deadlines vary, but you can find more details below.

Small Business Survival Kit
We’ve created a practical, step-by-step guide to help you navigate COVID-19. Resources include a checklist to secure financial assistance and spreadsheets to track budget, cash flow and unemployment benefits.

Virtual Energy Coaching
Our complimentary, personalized coaching for small businesses can help you save energy and money. Rebates, customized programs and energy assessments make a real difference to your bottom line. Coaching is offered safely and conveniently by phone.

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