



NEWS FROM THE FRONT- 4/15/2020

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Progress Report

On April 13, 2020 the Small Business Administration released its progress report on the implementation of the Paycheck Protection Program. The highlights include:

- The approved loan count was 1,035,086 and the gross dollars were \$247,543,303,521.
- 4,664 lenders are participating in the Program.
- Illinois ranked fourth in both approved loans, 44,453, and approved dollars \$12,503,648,850.
- Illinois' average loan amount was \$281,277 compared with the national average of \$239,152.
- The largest percentage of the number of loans (70.05%) was under \$150,000 and the largest percentage of dollar amount of loans (23.95%) was between \$350K and \$1 million.

Approximately \$100 billion of the \$350 billion approved by Congress for the PPP Program is still available, but is expected to be exhausted this week. CBAI has joined with ICBA and called on the Illinois congressional delegation to immediately approve at least \$250 billion in additional funding and dedicate a quarter of it to community banks with \$50 billion or less in assets.

[Click here to read SBA Progress Report](#)

Quick PPP Links From SBA and Treasury

- [Update or interim rule including bank director participation and self employed borrowers](#)
 - [Treasury PPP FAQ Page](#)
 - [SBA Lender Forms, Guidance and FAQs](#)
 - [ICBA PPP FAQ Page](#)
 - [CBAI COVID-19 Resources Page](#)
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CBAI Joins Leading Illinois Business Groups in Encouraging Governor to Delay Minimum Wage Increase

CBAI President Kraig Lounsberry joined the leaders of 20 leading business groups in Illinois in calling on Governor JB Pritzker to delay the scheduled July 1st increase in the minimum wage. The letter highlights the economic devastation caused by the shutdown and the extreme concern of small employers struggling to survive the crisis and eventually rebuild. CBAI will continue working with the business groups that represent community banker's customers. We are all in this together and will rely on each-other to survive and recover from this crisis.

[Click here to read letter encouraging delay in minimum wage increase](#)

Executive Order Halts Wage Garnishment During COVID Crisis

Governor JB Pritzker issued an executive order suspending laws that permit the service of garnishment summons, wage deduction summons, or a citation to discover assets as a part of consumer debt collection proceedings. This measure is intended to be forward looking and not effect orders currently in place. IDFP has informed us that they are working on guidance for banks. We are told the intention of the order is to protect the use of stimulus money for food, shelter and transportation during the crisis. IDFP has issued advice for consumers about stopping automatic loan payments, availability of stimulus money and wage garnishments on their website.

[Click here for IDFP information on receiving CARES Act Benefits](#)

[Click here to view executive order](#)

New Workers' Comp Rules for COVID Front Line Workers Including Community Bankers

The Illinois workers Compensation Commission issued an emergency rule stating that any front line worker, including workers at financial institutions, who contracts the COVID-19 virus is assumed to have caught it at work and is automatically eligible for workers compensation benefits.

In any proceeding before the Commission where the petitioner is a COVID-19 First Responder or Front-Line Worker as defined in Section (a)(2), if the petitioner's injury or period of incapacity resulted from exposure to the COVID-19 virus during a COVID-19-related state of emergency, the exposure will be rebuttably presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of the petitioner's COVID-19 First Responder or Front-Line Worker employment and, further, will be rebuttably presumed to be causally connected to the hazards or exposures of the petitioner's COVID-19 First Responder or Front-Line Worker employment.

[Click here to view Workers' Comp Emergency Amendment](#)

State Lawmaker Calls for Boycott of Mega-Banks Over PPP Availability to Minority Business Owners

State Representative Chris Welch (D-Hillside) issued a press release and took to social media to encourage minority owned small businesses to boycott mega-banks including Chase, Bank of America and Wells Fargo over their handling of the PPP loan program. Welch notes that the restrictive lending policies of big banks are stopping small business from receiving PPP funding. He instead calls for small business customers to seek out community banks and credit unions.

"Until our communities' small businesses receive the assistance from big banks that we deserve, I'm encouraging residents to take their business to local community banks and credit unions, It seems that time and time again black and brown-owned businesses are an afterthought. Enough is enough, and our community deserves better."

[Click here to read the full statement](#)

Illinois Attorney General Calls on CFPB to Enforce New Credit Reporting Standards During COVID Crisis

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul joined 23 Attorney's General from across the country in a letter urging the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to enforce provisions of the CARES Act requiring reporting agencies to follow the Fair Credit Reporting Act during the COVID-19 crisis. This follows an announcement earlier this week that CFPB is easing requirements that loans receiving forbearance would be reported as current, easing enforcement and supervisory actions against consumer reporting agencies.

[Click here to read the letter](#)

Illinois Senators Duckworth and Durbin Urged the SBA and Treasury to Improve the Operations of the Paycheck Protection Program

CBAI thanks Illinois Senators Tammy Duckworth and Richard Durbin for writing an April 8th letter to the SBA and the U.S. Treasury expressing concerns about ongoing inadequacies and frustrations during the roll-out of the Paycheck Protection Program.

The Senators highlight the troubling situation that banks are being directed by Treasury and the SBA to not close loans until they have received guidance. They urged the SBA and Treasury to quickly issue guidance that finalizes all regulations to lenders so that they can get funds to borrowers immediately.

CBAI appreciates the opportunity to work with the offices of both Senators Duckworth and Durbin to help inform them of Illinois community bankers' experiences with this program and recommending solutions.

[Click here to read Senator Duckworth and Durbin Letter to SBA and Treasury](#)

Illinois Members of the U.S. House Urged the SBA and Treasury to Clarify Guidance for the Paycheck Protection Program

Illinois Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia led an April 10th U.S. House member letter to the SBA and Treasury regarding the Paycheck Protection Program. Other Illinois members of Congress joining as signers on the letter were Danny Davis (D-07), Bobby Rush (D-01), Bill Foster (D-11), and Jan Schakowsky (D-09).

The members highlighted the importance of this CARES Act program to small businesses and the need for clarity to ensure lenders can "confidently participate in the PPP". The signers urged the SBA and Treasury to "Finalize guidance for lenders so they can get funds to borrowers immediately".

CBAI appreciates the opportunity to work with the offices of the Illinois U.S. House delegation to help inform them of Illinois community bankers' experiences with this program and recommending solutions.

[Click here to read U.S. House Member Letter to SBA and Treasury](#)

CBAI Participated in Virtual Meetings with Illinois Congressmen, Community Bankers and Small Businesses

CBAI participated in a Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Bobby Rush and a conference call with Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia to discuss the various small business relief measures in the CARES Act. The SBA participated in both meetings and explained the details of the various relief measures, in particular the Paycheck Protection Program.

Attendees on the call had the opportunity to question the SBA, CBAI and other participants about the program requirements and the many challenges in participating in these programs. Community bankers expressed the frustrations they have experienced with the operational failures of the SBA, but also recognized the slow and steady progress being made in addressing these issues.

CBAI is committed to informing and working with every member of the Illinois Congressional Delegation to ensure the SBA programs benefit the customers and communities served by Illinois' community banks.



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