



U.S. Small Business
Administration

The Lender's Advantage

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Assist Your Small Business Customers Affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19)

SBA's Express Bridge Loan (EBL) Pilot Program and Modify or Restructure Their Existing SBA Loans

Effective immediately, Lenders with SBA Express lending authority can utilize SBA's Express Bridge Loan (EBL) Pilot Program to provide expedited SBA-guaranteed financing for up to \$25,000 on an emergency basis for disaster related purposes to eligible small business located in counties that have been Presidentially-declared as disaster areas while the small businesses apply for and await long-term financing (including through SBA's direct Disaster Loan Program, if eligible). This program is only eligible to small businesses that had an existing relationship with the SBA Express Lender as of the date of the applicable disaster.

The newly updated [SBA Express Bridge Loan Program Guide](#) is attached to this email.

In addition, The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) gives Lenders unilateral authority to modify or restructure existing 7a standard loans through the E-Lend Servicing platform in our Capital Access Financial System (CAFS).

With the Coronavirus (Covid-19) impacting small businesses throughout our state of Nebraska, this would be a good time to utilize your unilateral authority and help your small business borrowers with existing SBA 7a loans by providing them with some relief on repayment during this very difficult time.

The following are some of the servicing actions you have unilateral authority to perform without prior approval from the SBA:

- Deferment of payments – Generally, the amount deferred should not exceed six cumulative monthly payments or 20% of the original loan amount, whichever is less. However, you do have authority to defer as many payments as you deem necessary during the life of the note;
- Extend amortization out to maximum allowed by SBA if loan is currently structured on a shorter term (i.e. 25 years for real estate, construction; 10 years for everything else);
- Amend payments for a period of time – (i.e. interest only);
- Modify the interest rate; and/or
- Extend the maturity date up to 10 years beyond the original maturity date.

For more information regarding unilateral servicing actions, please see the [Servicing and Liquidation Actions 7a Loan Matrix](#) attached to this email.

Even if an action does not require SBA's prior approval, please document the reasons for your decisions and keep that information in your loan file for SBA's review.

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