

How much can I get from EIDL?

EIDL loans go up to \$2 million. Small businesses are subject to a 3.75% interest rate, while nonprofits have a 2.75% interest rate. Terms go up to 30 years.

Wait. Does EIDL give grants or loans?

This is where it gets interesting. The SBA has said EIDL applicants trying to survive the coronavirus outbreak can get a \$10,000 emergency advance on their loans. Because this advance doesn't have to be paid back, some people have been referring to it as a grant.

“This loan is intended to be a very quick fix to help employers now,” says Mark Baran, principal at accounting firm [Marks Paneth](#). “They call it an advance, but it's just, ‘Here's \$10,000, use it for what you need.’”

EIDL vs. PPP: What's the difference?

There are a couple of factors that set EIDL apart from PPP.

The first is the entity granting the loan. The SBA itself is handling EIDL applications, whereas PPP requests have to go through banks like Wells Fargo or Bank of America.

PPP also has tighter restrictions on what you can use the money for. PPP loans can qualify for forgiveness later on, but in order for that to happen, at least 75% of them have to be spent on payroll costs. There's not a requirement like this for EIDL. ("It's not a forgivable loan; it's a real loan," Baran says.)

Finally, PPP loans can be much larger than EIDL ones. The maximum PPP loan is \$10 million, whereas the biggest EIDL loan is just \$2 million.

Can a business get both EIDL and PPP?

Yes — you just can't use both for the same purpose, says Todd McCracken, the president of the [National Small Business Association](#).

You may also be able to roll an EIDL loan into a PPP loan, potentially qualifying for forgiveness and decreasing the interest rate to 1%, as Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., [explained in a recent webinar](#).