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Support for CRCF Award Recipients

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As we communicated last week, CIT and the CRCF team continue to provide program support for award recipients without interruption in response to COVID-19. In addition, the FY20 solicitation is on track for award announcements in early June.

We recognize there may be facility closures and a lack of other resources that impact your CRCF project. Several awardees have already reached out to share their status. **While no action is required immediately, know that we will work with you should you need project modifications**, such as extending a report due date or the period of performance. We are committed to supporting your work to advance important technologies in the Commonwealth and being flexible with you during this unprecedented and evolving situation.

Please contact us at any time at crct@cit.org at any time to evaluate your project's needs.

The following resources, available from the Commonwealth as of March 25, may be of use to you. Please visit [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) In Virginia](#) for updated information.

Support for Affected Workers

Governor Northam announced the following actions to protect working Virginians impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak:

- No waiting for unemployment benefits. Governor Northam has directed the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission to waive the one-week waiting period to ensure workers can receive benefits as soon as possible.
- Enhanced eligibility for unemployment. Workers may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits if an employer needs to temporarily slow or cease operations due to COVID-19. If a worker has been issued a notice to self-quarantine by a medical or public health official and is not receiving paid sick or medical leave from their employer, they may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits. In addition, a worker may be eligible for unemployment benefits if they must stay home to care for an ill family member and are not receiving paid family medical leave from their employer.
- Fewer restrictions. For individuals receiving unemployment insurance, Governor Northam is directing the Virginia Employment Commission to give

affected workers special consideration on deadlines, mandatory re-employment appointments, and work search requirements.

The Office of the Governor is providing a [Frequently Asked Questions guide](#) for workers that have been temporarily laid off or discharged during this public health crisis.

Support for Impacted Employers

- Regional workforce teams will be activated to support employers that slow or cease operations. Employers who do slow or cease operations will not be financially penalized for an increase in workers requesting unemployment benefits.
- The Governor is authorizing rapid response funding, through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, for employers eligible to remain open during this emergency. Funds may be used to clean facilities and support emergency needs. Visit [Northern Virginia WIOA Rapid Response](#) for details
- Governor Northam is directing all employers to follow [U.S. Department of Labor guidance on workplace safety](#).

Support for Small Businesses

- Virginia received a statewide Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Small businesses and non-profit organizations located throughout the state can now apply for a loan of up to \$2 million from the SBA to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other expenses. Visit [Virginia SBDC](#) for details.
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To submit a loan application for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, please visit: [SBA Disaster Loan Assistance](#).

Kindly,

The CRCF Team