

Resources for Faith-Based and Community Leaders

Faith-based and community leaders continue to be valuable sources of comfort and support for their members and communities during times of distress, including the growing presence of COVID-19 in different parts of the country.

- **Prevention:** [Recommended Preventive Practices and FAQs for Faith-based and Community Leaders](#) (HHS)
- **Faith, Community and Mental Health during COVID-19:** According to a recent survey released by the American Psychiatric Association, many people have significant anxiety and concerns related to coronavirus. (HHS)
- Additional [Resources for Community- and Faith-Based Leaders](#) (CDC)
- FEMA's Voluntary Agency Liaisons have created a **Voluntary Organization System for Engagement (VOISE)**, which provides updates from FEMA, National Private Not-for-Profit Organizations, and a network of information from around the nation.

Federal Financial Assistance

- **The CARES Act** provides fast and direct economic assistance for American workers and families, small businesses, and preserves jobs for American industries. (Treasury)
- The U.S. Small Business Administration's [Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus](#) includes the **Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL)** – low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19 – as well as loan advances and debt relief. Review the **FAQ for Faith-Based Applicants** interested in the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
- **Private Nonprofit Organizations:** Certain PNPs are eligible to apply for funding through FEMA's Public Assistance program.

Training

- **Online Courses:** Browse **online training related to COVID-19** from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, and other organizations (Public Health Foundation)
- **Cloth Face Coverings:** Learn [how to wear and make a face covering](#) to help slow the spread of COVID-19. (CDC)

Key Contacts and Local Help

- [State and Territorial Emergency Management Agencies](#) (FEMA)
- [Local Health Departments](#) (National Association of County and City Health Officials)
- [Local Assistance from SBA Partners](#) may include counseling, mentoring and training for small businesses.
- [State-by-State COVID Information and Resources](#) are available from state and local government, nonprofit organizations and businesses. (AARP)

Food and Nutrition

- The [Coronavirus Food Assistance Program \(CFAP\)](#) provides assistance to farmers, ranchers, and consumers. (USDA)
- This directory of [Food Nutrition Help](#) can be filtered by State and program. (USDA)

Homelessness Assistance

- **Homelessness Assistance Programs:** [HUD](#) provides funding to States and local governments and nonprofit providers to serve individuals and families across the United States who are affected by homelessness. The [Daily Resource Digest](#) lists additional resources for homeless service providers.
- **Disease Risk and Homelessness:** People experiencing homelessness often have a higher risk for exposure to communicable diseases and have little access to health care systems and treatment in their communities. The emergence of COVID-19 calls for enhanced cooperation and partnerships. (HUD)
- **Homelessness Resources:** Information and support are available for homeless and meal service providers, as well as emergency and day shelters, on planning, preparing, and responding to COVID-19. (CDC)
- The **U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness** coordinates the federal response to homelessness, working in close partnership with senior leaders across our 19 federal member agencies, and has been active in COVID-19 response efforts.

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