

CENTRAL KENTUCKY POLICY GROUP

2020 Federal Advocacy Agenda COVID-19 Economic Relief Priorities

Liability Protections:

Support HEALS ACT federal COVID-19 legal liability protections for businesses, schools, and local governments.

Business Recovery Programs:

Continued support for small business relief programs that help all sectors across local economies and allow greater flexibility in how relief funding can be utilized by businesses to meet the unique recovery needs.

PPP Loan Eligibility:

Support for extending PPP through the remainder of the year and allowing small businesses and 501(c)(3) nonprofits who have already received a PPP loan to apply for a second loan. Support for expanding eligibility for PPP loans to all chambers of commerce 501(c)(6), destination marketing organizations (DMO), including any 501(c) nonprofit, quasi-governmental organization and provide federal grants to DMOs.

Unemployment Insurance:

Support tying the federal weekly enhanced benefit to weekly earnings to encourage return to work, and federal aid or loan forgiveness for state UI Trust Funds to avoid significant increases in taxes on businesses.

Broadband Access:

Support critical investments in broadband deployment to ensure all businesses and homes have access to high-speed internet for remote learning and workforce needs.

Airlines & Airports:

Support aid to Blue Grass Airport and airlines to ensure this critical infrastructure is sustained to help economic recovery. If the airline industry contracts due to the COVID-19 crisis, it will be difficult for Central Kentucky's tourism industry and businesses, and the state's aerospace industry, to return to profitability and maintain or grow jobs.

Public Health Investments:

Support investments in efforts to protect public health, promote research and development, and strengthen health care systems, protocols and infrastructure to be better prepared for future pandemics.

Local Governments:

Support providing funding or additional flexibility to states and local governments in how CARES funding is utilized to offset negative impacts from COVID-19.

Workforce Development:

Support investments in education and workforce development programs to help those negatively impacted by the pandemic get the training and skills necessary to excel in the evolving COVID-19 economy.

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