

CARES Act Information

The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce and partners know that you have been hit hard by the closures, restrictions, and shelter-in-place guidelines resulting in the spread of COVID-19.

We are working on a way to ensure that you get the support you need during this time. In an effort to capture this information, we ask that you please complete the [included survey](#) and offer additional comments wherever needed to help us learn how to better serve you during this time.

A response team has been created to review the results in order to implement support services. If you have questions contact Amy McGuffin, CEO of the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce at Amy@KittitasCountyChamber.com

The [Payroll Protection Program](#) part of last week's CARES Act –is set to go live tomorrow -Friday. Here are a few basics:

- PPP provides cash flow assistance specifically designed to protect employees
- The interest rate to borrowers will be ½ of 1%
- Small businesses (under 500 employees), nonprofits, sole proprietors and independent contractors are eligible
- Comes from a lender (banks and credit unions that issue SBA loans) who gets a federal guarantee
- As of today, it sounds like the application will be just 2 pages, though applicants will need to provide personal records as attachments

Local lenders in **Upper Kittitas County** are:

Cashmere Bank - for established customers and new customers 509.674.2033

Umpqua Bank – for established customers only 509.674.4338

Pending regulatory approval on Monday April 6 -Washington Federal – for established customers and new customers 509.674.4406

Additional resources for you and your businesses:

- Kauffman Foundations Guide to Helping Small Business Navigate.... (including good information about PPP) <https://www.kauffman.org/currents/a-guide-to-helping-small-businesses-covid-19/>
- Washington Women's Business Center is offering free one-on-one consultation, including help with SBA loans, for women-owned small businesses! <https://businessimpactnw.org/washington-womens-business-center/>

- Locable has free business status directory template web pages
<https://www.locable.com/2020/03/19/1087/free-business-status-directory-during-covid-19-coronavirus-for-your-community/>
- Creating an Online Store - an interview by Ben Muldrow
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWOhymZWBYE>
- E-commerce Tutorials
 - <https://websitesetup.org/woocommerce-online-store-tutorial/> (Wordpress sites)
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IZ_-9-dL34 (Best for Squarespace subscribers)
 - <https://www.websitebuilderexpert.com/building-online-stores/> (Overview of popular E-commerce platforms)

The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce has created an SMS Texting Alert System for Chamber Members to be enrolled in for free. We will be using this system to alert Members to new funding opportunities through the Chamber, upcoming Business Development Webinars and Workshops as well as one on one meetings through the Washington Small Business Development Center.

This will be a member exclusive tool, as we want to thank our Members for continuing to support the Chamber. Our plan is to use this system to keep you as in the know as possible.

If you would like to enroll in these alerts, text: **notify kittitas *Members* to 31313**