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TALKING POINTS : PPP & EIDL

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• Due to limited appropriations funding, the application portal for the EIDL–COVID-19 assistance program (EIDL loans and EIDL Advances) is temporarily closed.

• Applicants who have already submitted their applications will continue to be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

• SBA is processing EIDL applications as quickly as possible. SBA will provide those whose applications are approved with loans that will cover the business’s short-term working capital needs.

• This is in addition to the EIDL Advance that small businesses and non-profits are eligible to receive as a result of the CARES Act.