

- ❑ **Conference Call For Small Businesses Surviving COVID19**

- ❑ **Conference Call Welcome / Purpose**

- ❑ **Introduction of Speaker - Senator Derrick T. Simmons, District 12, Chairperson of the Senate Democratic Caucus**

- ❑ **Overview, Eligibility for ‘ Millions To Help Small Businesses in Mississippi ’**

- ❑ **Questions Submitted In Advanced**

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- 1. WHO IS THE TARGETED AUDIENCE FOR THIS PROGRAM?**
- 2. I RECEIVED THE SBA PPP AND EIDL LOAN FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WILL I BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SB2772 PROGRAM?**
- 3. I AM A SMALL BUSINESS THAT WAS FORCED TO CLOSE DUE TO CORONIOVIRUS, DO I NEED ANY PAPERWORK TO VALIDATE BY FORCED CLOSURE?**
- 4. WHAT ARE THE OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES UNDER THE \$2,000 DIRECT PAYMENTS, BESIDES THE BARBERS, HAIR STYLISTS, AND CHILD CARE CENTERS THAT MAY QUALIFY?**
- 5. WHO DETERMINES THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE GRANTS TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES WITH UNDER THE 50 EMPLOYEES LIMIT? AND HOW WILL COMMUNICATION OCCUR TO THOSE AFFECTED SMALL BUSINESSES?**
- 6. I HAVE NOT FILED MY SMALL BUSINESSES TAXES FOR 2019. WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE DIRECT PAYMENTS AND EVEN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR GRANTS PROGRAM?**

7. I AM A MINORITY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS. UNDER THE SETASIDE FOR MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES, I SAW THE TEXT THAT READ ' SET ASIDE FOR MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES ', DOES THAT IMPLY, THAT MINORITY BUSINESSES CAN ONLY APPLY UNDER THE 'SET ASIDE FOR MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS' PROGRAM?

8. WHEN DOES THE DIRECT PAYMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS START? WHAT AGENCY IS LEADING THE MANAGING OF THE SB2772?

9. I HAVE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, AM I ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SB2772 PROGRAM?

10. DOES YOUR SMALL BUSINESS HAVE TO BE REGISTERED AS A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO PARTICIPATE?

11. I AM SMALL FLORAL SHOP BUSINESSOWNER, I WAS FORCED TO CLOSE DUE TO THE CORONOVIRUS. DO I QUALIFY FOR THE DIRECT PAYMENTS?

12. ARE THESE REALLY SMALL BUSINESS GRANT FUNDS, OR ARE THESE LOANS THAT TURN INTO GRANTS, IF CERTAIN CRITERIA IS MET BY THE SMALL BUSINESSOWNER?

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