



COVID-19 FAQ

5. Does the Payroll Protection Program under the new CARES Act include municipal or governmental EMS or ambulance services? Who exactly is eligible?

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Answer: No. Unfortunately, government operated EMS or ambulance services (public agencies) are not eligible under this program, as they are not “small businesses” under the loan programs administered by the federal Small Business Administration. There are other funding sources under the CARES Act and other government programs available to public agency EMS and ambulance services, such as through FEMA and the Emergency Services Fund.

You are eligible for a PPP loan if you have 500 or fewer employees and:

- 1) You are a small business concern as defined in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 USC 632), and subject to SBA’s affiliation rules under 13 CFR 121.301(f) (or the business meets the SBA employee-based size standards for the industry in which it operates); **OR,**
- 2) You are a tax-exempt nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), a tax-exempt veterans organization described in section 501(c)(19) of the IRC, Tribal business concern described in section 31(b)(2)(C) of the Small Business Act, or any other business.

Information on the PPP program can be found at the SBA Question and Answer page located [here](#).