

City of Rochester

Property Tax Collection Relief

To help all residents and business owners, 4th quarter City property tax, water and refuse payments are now due April 30. Payments were previously due March 31.

Business Emergency Grant, Loan Deferrals

For small business owners, NBD is offering a new grant; and NBD and the Rochester Economic Development Corp. (REDCO) are providing options to defer loan payments.

The new NBD Business Emergency Retention Grant provides up to \$2,000 to help businesses cover short-term expenses such as payroll, insurance, utilities and inventory. NBD and REDCO are also offering 90-day deferrals on existing loans.

KIVA Rochester, SBA Loans

Kiva Rochester has expanded access to its crowdfunded, interest-free loans. The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering an Economic Disaster Injury Loan of up to \$2 million; and an Express Bridge Loan that allows SBA Express Lenders to provide qualified small businesses with loans of up to \$25,000 to pay expenses while applying for longer-term loans.

Partnership with 211/Life Line

For residents and business owners dealing with the most immediate needs, the City is partnering with 211/Life Line, the information and referral hotline operated by Goodwill of the Finger Lakes, to provide around-the-clock access to up-to-date information about available support services. The City has provided 211 with the latest information on the services it offers.

211 telecounselors undergo extensive training that gives them a fluent grasp of the many services that are available to area residents and then determine which of those services would best fit the needs of callers seeking assistance. In recent days, Goodwill has shifted employees from other areas of its operation to the 211 hotline, nearly doubling its capacity to provide this service.

Information on these programs, including applications, can be found online by visiting the City's website at cityofrochester.gov/coronavirus/.