



## **COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Legal Clinic ("Covid-19 Legal Clinic")**

### **What is this?**

- Communities Rise is offering a free legal clinic program that provides small businesses and nonprofits with a 60-minute legal consultation with a lawyer to discuss business legal questions or issues that have arisen due to effect of Covid-19 on the businesses.
- Clinic appointments will be held by phone or video conference at a time that is convenient to the client.
- Interpretation in over 100 languages is available.

### **Who are eligible clients?**

- *Small Businesses*
  - Business incorporated in Washington State
  - 50 employees or less
  - Business has experienced distress due to Covid-19
- *Nonprofits*
  - WA state nonprofits
  - 50 employees or less
  - 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations or fiscally sponsored organizations

### **What legal topics can clients get services on?**

- Federal loan/grant programs (CARES Act and Families First Coronavirus Response Act)
- General employment questions (furloughs, leaves, layoffs, etc.)
- Commercial leases (lease amendments/lease termination)
- Insurance and risk
- Contracts (non-performance, amendments, etc.)
- Bankruptcy, business closure, dissolution
- Nonprofit law and IRS regulations on tax-exempt organizations
- General business issues that have arisen due to COVID-19

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### How does it work?

- Clients can request a clinic appointment through our Client Intake Form online at communities-rise.org: <https://communities-rise.org/covid-19-resources/legal-inquiry/>
- The online Client Intake Form is available in English. The online intake forms will be available in Chinese and Spanish soon.
- Communities Rise is focusing on reaching, and conducting outreach in, black, indigenous, communities of color and other marginalized communities.
- Phone interpretation services are available, upon request.
- We will assign a volunteer attorney who has expertise in the legal area you are requesting help in and the volunteer attorney will contact you to schedule a convenient time to meet by phone or video conference.

Note: Nonprofits may also find it useful to connect to other Communities Rise capacity building services in addition to the legal clinic. Other capacity building services include grant writing and fundraising support through our grant writing clinic and fundraising clinic.

### How can I contact Communities Rise for legal and capacity building services?

For Businesses and Nonprofits:

Apply for the **COVID-19 Legal Clinic**: <https://communities-rise.org/covid-19-resources/legal-inquiry/>

Only for Nonprofits:

Apply for COVID-19 **Capacity Building Support**: <https://communities-rise.org/covid-19-resources/covid-support/>

Contact us:

Questions regarding the COVID-19 related needs: [Covidsupport@communities-rise.org](mailto:Covidsupport@communities-rise.org)

Non-COVID-19 related help: [Contact@communities-rise.org](mailto:Contact@communities-rise.org)

Phone: 206-324-5850

Website: [communities-rise.org](https://communities-rise.org)

COVID-19 Resources: <https://communities-rise.org/covid-19-resources/>

EIDL and PPP Loan Application Instructional Videos and sample applications are available on the website.

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