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## State partners with legal community to create volunteer network for small businesses facing COVID-19 crisis challenges

The State of Colorado has partnered with the legal community to create a [volunteer program](#) designed to connect attorneys with Colorado businesses in need to help them make informed decisions and get back on their feet.

From financial aid compliance to leasing arrangements and business liability, small businesses across our state face complex challenges and most small businesses need legal resources and expertise to make informed decisions.

The task force will work with our 15 [small business development centers](#) (SBDC) around the state. The task force is using recent survey data gathered by the SBDC's to design need-based webinars, and match volunteer lawyers to small businesses.

The [Colorado Lawyers Committee](#) is matching volunteer attorneys with small businesses in need of assistance. This organization is a nonpartisan consortium of 80 Colorado law firms dedicated to creating and increasing opportunities for children, the poor and other disadvantaged communities through pro bono legal advocacy, negotiation, and litigation.

According to the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Colorado's tourism industry, which supports many of the state's small businesses, is expected to rebound more slowly than other sectors. By assisting small businesses, the task force hopes to indirectly support the more than 400,000 Coloradans who have filed for unemployment due to the pandemic.

Businesses interested in applying for assistance, or volunteers willing to help, can go to [coloradocovidrelief.org](http://coloradocovidrelief.org).

Thank you for signing up for COVID-19 email updates from the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. We expect to email you whenever we have news to share, which could be daily or weekly depending on the situation.

Please be sure to visit OEDIT's [COVID-19 Business Resource Center](#), as that webpage has the most recent news and resources.



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