

America's Newspapers

NEWSPAPERS.ORG



December 22, 2020

Thousands of newspapers eligible for PPP



[Download full text of Stimulus Bill](#)

"Special thanks go out to our legislative champions including, Senators Maria Cantwell, John Boozeman, Amy Klobuchar, Joni Ernst and Chuck Schumer. They along with Representatives David Cicilline and Jim Sensenbrenner introduced the initial bill, the Local News and Emergency Information Act, that led to this critical fix being included in the new stimulus bill. The bill also allows for a second loan for those who already qualified under certain conditions."

**Alan Fisco, president
America's Newspapers**

Summary of final local news provisions in \$900 billion COVID package that passed House and Senate

By Dean Ridings, CEO, America's Newspapers

The House and Senate have passed a \$900 billion relief bill that will provide direct relief to newspapers and other local news media. The bill is expected to be signed by the President today.

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) was instrumental in securing the fix that increased newspapers' eligibility under the new package. "During this pandemic, local newspapers and broadcasters must continue to communicate vital COVID health data, including lifesaving information about public health guidance, the vaccines and vaccine distribution," said Senator Cantwell.

"Local news is essential," she said. "It makes our communities — and our country — stronger by asking important questions, providing accurate facts, and countering misinformation and disinformation. This bill will make more newspapers, TV and radio stations, and public broadcasters eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program so local reporters can keep us informed."



America's Newspapers President Alan Fisco, president of The Seattle Times Co., expressed his appreciation to legislators for their support, saying: "The expansion of small business loans to many newspapers that did not qualify initially will be a huge benefit to our industry while protecting ever-shrinking newsroom ranks."

[READ MORE](#)

RECOMMENDED

Review your quarterly revenue totals for all

Read a summary of the bill's impact on newspapers

Steve Shelton, managing shareholder, Way, Ray, Shelton & Co., P.C. provided a summary of the bill's impact on newspapers.

quarters of 2019 and 2020 to see if any quarter has a decrease of over 25%, as this is the main eligibility test for a PPP Second Draw Loan.

- Tax Treatment of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans
- PPP Second Draw Loans
- PPP Loan Forgiveness
- Repeal of EIDL Advance Deduction

[READ MORE](#)

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) leads efforts to include newspapers in PPP legislation

A provision authored by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and included in the bipartisan COVID stimulus package would make thousands of small local newspapers, radio and television broadcasters, and hundreds of public broadcasting stations that produce and distribute local news and emergency information, eligible for emergency federal support under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).



[READ MORE](#)

COVID vaccines for media

CDC committee identifies workers in media and manufacturing as 'essential' for vaccine distribution

The CDC has placed members of the "Media" among "essential workers" in Phase 1c who should receive prioritized vaccines — after long-term care patients and frontline health care workers. In addition, newspaper production personnel should fall under Phase 1b with other "Manufacturing Workers."



[READ MORE](#)

Industry people



Funk to retire as News & Eagle publisher

In addition to leading the Enid (Oklahoma) News & Eagle and EnidNews.com, Jeff Funk has been a senior publisher responsible for the Woodward News and Duncan Banner, publications also owned by CNHI.

[READ MORE](#)

the **Media Job Board**
MEDIAJOBBOARD.COM

Reach Millions of Job Seekers
FREE Resume Posting, Job Matching & Emailed Job Alerts
Poynter. **E&P** America's Newspapers
ENID NEWS & EAGLE PUBLISHER

Acquisitions

Clint Reilly Communications
acquires San Francisco Examiner



In a major expansion of its regional publishing business, Clint Reilly Communications — publisher of the Nob Hill Gazette and Gentry Magazine — has announced the acquisition of the San Francisco Examiner and its affiliated publications, including the SF Weekly. The 155-year-old Examiner joins the Reilly family portfolio after nine years under the ownership of Black Press LTD.

[READ MORE](#)



O'Rourke Media Group acquires two newspapers from Forum Communications

Forum Communications Co. has sold RiverTown Multimedia, which publishes the weekly Red Wing (Minnesota) Republican Eagle and weekly Hudson (Wisconsin) Star-Observer newspapers, to O'Rourke Media Group.

[READ MORE](#)



The next issue of our regular newsletter will be sent to you on Jan. 5.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for additional news you don't want to miss.

Dean, Paulette, Greg, Patty and Cindy

Get Involved. Be Heard. Invest In Your Future.

Keep up with the latest news, schedule of upcoming events and other information specifically for the newspaper industry. Learn more about America's Newspapers at www.newspapers.org. And connect with us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

America's  Newspapers

CONTACT US

www.newspapers.org

[Email](#)

