

There are two “relief” opportunities SDDA members should be aware of. One is a State Program and one is Federal.

State: South Dakota small businesses will be able to apply for a grant to replace the loss of gross revenue due to COVID. Applications will open on October 12 and close on October 23. The South Dakota Retailers Association has developed a very good summary of the program and what small businesses can do to be ready to apply during the very brief application window. Go to <https://www.sdra.org/uploads/1/2/3/4/123460478/smbizgrant.pdf> for the summary.

Federal: Phase three of the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) distribution opened on October 5 and goes through November 6, 2020. This package has three features: 1. Dentists who began practicing January 1 – March 30, 2020 qualify to apply; 2. All dentists who previously received, rejected or accepted payment from the Provider Relief Fund are able to submit more information to become eligible for an additional payment; and, 3. Dentists who previously received, rejected or accepted a General Distribution Provider Relief Fund payment and did not previously receive approximately 2% of annual revenues from patient care will now receive this amount consistent with prior general distributions. For application information go to: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/providers/index.html?language=es#how-to-apply>

Could your staff members benefit from more training on dental coding? The American Dental Association is offering a one-day dental coding certificate course on November 20. For more information and to register go to: [https://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/continuing-education/ada-ce-live/coding-course?utm\\_source=egram&utm\\_content=codingcourse&utm\\_medium=button&utm\\_term=oct7](https://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/continuing-education/ada-ce-live/coding-course?utm_source=egram&utm_content=codingcourse&utm_medium=button&utm_term=oct7)