**Video Title:** Small Business Hit Hard: Cash-Strapped Owners Face Tough Choices Amid Pandemic

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Congress is racing to get much needed cash to 30 million U.S. small businesses employing fewer than 500 workers. The virus set off an economic crisis due to shelter in place orders that prevented businesses from opening for their customers. Many small businesses are worried about their survival. Half of the workers in the U.S. are employed in small businesses which are running out of cash to pay workers. Emergency loans to small business firms are planned by the federal government to pay rent as well as worker payrolls that do not have to be paid back. The government plans reopening the economy at some point in the near future. The goal is to keep small businesses from failing in the meantime.

Questions:

1. Why is Congress racing to get cash to small businesses?
2. What is the problem facing small businesses during the Coronavirus pandemic?
3. What are the government loans to small businesses supposed to provide?
4. Do small businesses have to pay back the loans?
5. What is the hope for this government assistance?