

The District's Business Improvement Districts and the Covid-19 Crisis

As the Covid-19 crisis unfolds, DC's business improvement districts (BIDs) are working with government, business and community partners to do four things: (1) providing essential sanitation and other public space services, (2) getting assistance to businesses that will help them survive; (3) letting members and the general public know what services remain open and available; and (4) planning for recovery.

BID teams in each neighborhood may have different operations based on different neighborhood characteristics and needs. Services being provided currently include:

Essential services

- Removing trash and debris from their service areas and emptying public waste and recycling receptacles.
- Maintaining the public realm, including trash removal in parks that are closed to the public
- Providing homeless outreach services including connecting individuals with services and meals
- Providing enhanced security services in cooperation with MPD
- Providing rodent control services in the public realm.
- Providing a calming and welcoming presence on the streets, including during evening and nighttime hours especially in areas with security concerns and where businesses are closed.

Assisting businesses that will help them survive

- Sharing critical information through multiple channels about small business relief and recovery efforts
- Providing technical assistance for members to access city and federal assistance
- Helping businesses and property owners get answers to operational questions in a fast-changing environment
- Sharing information with the general public on businesses and services that are open, and what services they are providing).



Letting members and the general public know what services remain open and available

- Promoting neighborhood businesses and ways to support them through the crisis (ie marketing delivery services, gift card programs and employee relief funds)
- Amplifying important messaging from the Mayor and Agencies

Planning for recovery

- Working with government partners to fill in service gaps and provide on the ground insights on needs and priorities as the crisis unfolds
- Gathering member input to gather ideas for programs that can be most helpful
- Actively planning recovery efforts to get business districts up and running quickly after the crisis passes

As the impacts of covid-19 mount, BIDs are laying the groundwork for long term recovery efforts. BIDs will play a critical role in bringing together stakeholders and building the private public partnerships needed to help the city and its neighborhoods recover in future months.

Individual BIDs are working with their boards to repurpose funds to support relief and recovery efforts tailored to their district's needs and priorities. Please click on your BID below, for more specific information about your service area.

[*Adams Morgan Partnership*](#)

[*Anacostia BID*](#)

[*Capitol Hill BID*](#)

[*Capitol Riverfront BID*](#)

[*DowntownDC BID*](#)

[*The Dupont Circle BID*](#)

[*Georgetown BID*](#)

[*Golden Triangle BID*](#)

[*Mount Vernon Triangle CID*](#)

[*NoMa BID*](#)

[*Southwest BID*](#)