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- **The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) is being expanded** to include businesses that paid between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million in total payroll in 2019. This new payroll range will replace the previous range of between \$50,000 and \$1 million in payroll. Businesses can apply for a CEBA loan through their financial institutions.
- The government's intention to introduce the **Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)** for small businesses. This program will seek to provide loans, including forgivable loans, to commercial property owners who in turn will lower or forgo the rent of small businesses for the months of April (retroactive), May, and June. Implementation of this program will require a partnership between the federal government and provincial and territorial governments, which are responsible for property owner-tenant relationships. We will share more details about this program as soon as they are available.
- A reminder to those businesses who will be applying to Federal government relief programs (including the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy), that it is encouraged that business owners register on the **CRA My Business Account** if they haven't already. Having this account will enable direct deposit of funds and speed up the process of receiving relief when it is available.
- Visit the Government of Canada's **COVID-19 Economic Response Plan** for more information on support available to help Canadians and businesses.