

SBA Economic Injury Declaration

New federal legislation and appropriations has opened up the possibility for small businesses to receive assistance for economic loss due to COVID-19. Details of eligibility and administration of this assistance from SBA are still being addressed. However, some information from the traditional SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program will still apply for COVID-19.

- If a small business has suffered substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19, it may be eligible for financial assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- Small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives that have suffered substantial economic injury may be eligible for the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program.
- Substantial economic injury is the inability of a business to meet its obligations as they mature and to pay its ordinary and necessary operating expenses.
- An EIDL can help meet necessary financial obligations that a business could have met had the disaster not occurred.
- It provides relief from economic injury caused directly by the disaster and permits the business to maintain a reasonable working capital position during the period affected by the disaster.
- The SBA provides EIDL assistance only to those businesses that SBA determines are unable to obtain credit elsewhere.
- The loan amount will be based on the business' actual economic injury and financial needs.
- The interest rate on EIDLs cannot exceed 4 percent per year.
- The term of the loans cannot exceed 30 years.
- Terms and conditions will be determined by the business' ability to repay the loan

How do we get an SBA Declaration?

The State must request an Economic Injury Declaration from SBA through the Governor. In order to do so affected businesses will need to complete SBA's Estimated Economic Injury Worksheet and submit them to the Utah Division of Emergency Management (DEM). This is not an application for an SBA loan, but a one page worksheet that shows the economic injury to the business and justifies the need for a declaration.

- Please submit worksheets to DEM via email to jannawilkinson@utah.gov

If enough businesses within the state can show economic injury due to impacts of COVID-19 SBA will grant an Economic Injury Declaration.

- Counties with at least 1 business that meets the Estimated Economic Injury Worksheet requirements will be included in the declaration.
- Counties contiguous to declared counties will also be included and eligible.
- Counties may be added after the Declaration if eligible.

For any questions regarding the SBA Economic Injury Declaration process please contact Janna Wilkinson, DEM Individual Assistance Recovery Officer, at jannawilkinson@utah.gov or (385)-214-5857.