

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Basics

What businesses are eligible to apply?

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans (or working capital loans) are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private non-profit organizations

What are the criteria for a loan approval?

Credit History-Applicants must have a credit history acceptable to SBA.

Repayment -SBA must determine that the applicant business has the ability to repay the SBA loan.

Eligibility- The applicant business must be physically located in a declared county and suffered working capital losses due to the declared disaster, not due to a downturn in the economy or other reasons.

How can I use the loan funds?

These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits or for expansion.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDLs) funds come directly from the U.S. Treasury.

Applicants do not go through a bank to apply. Instead apply directly to SBA's Disaster Assistance Program at: [DisasterLoan.sba.gov](https://disasterloan.sba.gov). There is no cost to apply. There is no obligation to take the loan if offered.

Applicants can have an existing SBA Disaster Loan and still qualify for an EIDL for this disaster, but the loans cannot be consolidated.

How to Apply

- Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.
- Paper loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.
- Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Assistance From SBA Resource Partners

Free assistance with reconstructing financial records, preparing financial statements and submitting the loan application is available from any of SBA's partners: Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), SCORE, Women's Business Centers (WBC), and Veteran's Business Outreach Centers and local Chambers of Commerce.

For the nearest office, visit: <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance>