

Resources for Businesses COVID-19



Update: SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL)

Governor Polis' request for funding has been sent to the SBA for inclusion in the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. ***This request was sent to SBA on March 16, and includes all 64 counties in Colorado.***

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

We have reason to believe that the EIDL application will be open to businesses in our region soon. When it is available, information will be sent out regarding guidance on how to apply.

NWCCOG will be working closely with the SBDC statewide team in partnership with the district SBA office to communicate with our region's businesses on how to apply to the EIDL program once it is available.

We suspect the following so far:

- The EIDL should not be considered an "easy" fix. Applicants will need to carefully complete the application and should be over-prepared with backup documents.
- Businesses should communicate first with their current bank/lender to see what loans, deferred payments, or lines of credit are available to them. Businesses who are eligible for financing elsewhere are unlikely to be approved for the EIDL.
- Not all businesses will meet the requirements of the loan. Businesses who have not been eligible for financing in the past are unlikely to qualify.

What you can do now:

Based on the SBDC's experience with the 2013 Northern Colorado flood, business owners can be proactive by gathering key financial documents including:

- Previous three years of federal tax returns for the business
- Previous three years of personal federal tax returns
- A Personal Financial Statement

- Articles of Incorporation
- A Business Plan with Financial Projections might be helpful

NWCCOG will work with the SBDC and SBA to provide as much training and information regarding the application process as possible. More to come!

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