MA Disaster Declaration Approved: SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) Now Available Statewide

COVID-19: Guidance for Small Businesses
sba.gov/coronavirus

Dear Small Business, Friends and Partners,

Please be advised that Massachusetts received approval for the disaster declaration statewide for small businesses and private non-profits to apply for the SBA EIDL loan program.

Please visit the SBA's Disaster guidance web page: www.sba.gov/disaster

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications to mail in forms at: https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

Individuals who need language assistance, may ask for an interpreter once you call in and reach a customer service specialist.

Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.
My office is conducting training webinars for our resource partners/lenders and small businesses on the SBA EIDL loan program.

Thank you,

Bob Nelson
SBA Massachusetts District Director

**Additional Links and Resources:**

Fact Sheet: MA 16344 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Fact Sheet

PDF: SBA Disaster Program and Step-by-Step Application Overview

Handout: SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus

Handout: Asistencia de Desastre de la SBA en Respuesta al Coronavirus

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**Disaster Processing Tip: Make sure Economic Injury Disaster Loan is selected**

Many business applicants are not checking the correct option when applying and consequently getting kicked off the Disaster Loan Application Portal. The contractors have researched this and found that people are not selecting the correct option. Please advise all sole proprietors that they MUST select the Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Option as shown below, in order to proceed with applying for the EIDLs for the Coronavirus situation. If they select the wrong option, they do not have to re-register but they will need to start the application again.
UPCOMING WEBINARS

WEBINAR TODAY: FRIDAY MARCH 20th at 10AM
Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application Process

Friday March 20 | 10:00 am
(no registration required, login below)

Join Skype Meeting

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To join by phone Dial Toll number: +1 (202) 765-1264 and enter Conference ID: 215357484#

Find a local number

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WEBINAR MONDAY MARCH 23 at 11AM
Coronavirus – What Employers and Employees Need to Know

REGISTER

Topics will include:

Most recent legislative updates and the impact on your business
What to do should you face a temporary closure or reduction in staff
Understanding Sick Time, Vacation/PTO and FMLA – what to offer and when
Employee Health Guidelines – what to do should an employee disclose exposure
to the virus or become symptomatic

(Presented by Boston SCORE Chapter)

WEBINAR TUESDAY MARCH 24 at 1pm
SBA Disaster Loan Program

REGISTER

Wendell Davis, SBA New England Regional Administrator will be providing an overview of the disaster loan program.

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