
The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act 2020 (H.R. 6074) expanded the Small Business Act's definition of a disaster to include Coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, the SBA will be able to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) under a Governor's Certification Disaster Declaration. In order for SBA to issue an EIDL declaration, the Governor must submit a written request to SBA with supporting economic injury loss information that certifies at least five small businesses in a disaster area have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the disaster.

At this time **we are looking to organizations, like yours, to help find small businesses in and around your area that have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus**. Substantial economic injury occurs when a business is unable to meet its obligations as they mature or to pay its ordinary and necessary operating expenses.

I have attached a handout document that provides further information. If you have businesses that meet this criteria **please encourage them to complete the attached estimated disaster economic injury worksheet and submit it to the West Virginia Governor's Office** at their earliest opportunity to:

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