

# September Economic Bulletin

## Economic Recovery Support Function

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

### U.S. EDA Supplemental Grant Program



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U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is making \$1.45 billion available on a nationwide competitive basis to support economic recovery in areas with major disaster declarations from hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters that occurred in calendar years 2023 and 2024, a period of winter storms which affected many California counties. Application deadlines vary.

#### **Eligible Applicants:**

- State, local and Tribal governments
- Economic development districts
- Higher education institutions
- Economic development organizations
- Public/private non-profits working with local government
- Public-private partnerships for public infrastructure



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### Multi-Agency Partnership Helps LA County Businesses Plan For Resilience And Sustainability



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The California Academy for Economic Development (The Academy), in partnership with PCR Business Finance (PCR), is launching new support for Los Angeles County businesses impacted by the recent wildfires. Through funding from a U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant, pivoted by the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED), the effort will help businesses strengthen long-term resilience and sustainability through a multi-agency partnership.

The program is delivered through the Outsmart Disaster Program of the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA), within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). As part of this initiative, PCR and CALED will provide outreach, workshops, one-on-one coaching, and assistance with grant and loan applications, ensuring businesses can access critical resources they need to recover and thrive.

# Additional Funding Opportunities & Economic Recovery Resources

## Economic Recovery Support Function (RSF) Monthly Statewide Partner Meeting

- The next Economic Statewide Partner meeting will be held on **October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**
- To be added to the distribution list, email [longtermrecovery@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:longtermrecovery@caloes.ca.gov).



U.S. Small Business Administration



## Disaster Assistance

### Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

**Deadline October 8, 2025**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers the [EIDL](#) program, which provides working capital to small businesses, agricultural cooperatives, and nonprofits impacted by federally declared disasters. These loans help cover essential operating expenses such as payroll, rent, utilities, and fixed debt that cannot be met due to the disaster. The loan product is for businesses in Los Angeles County and surrounding areas affected by the January 2025 wildfires and straight-line winds.

### Business Resilience Guide

This SBA Guide helps small businesses prepare for and recover from disasters. The guide provides practical steps such as assessing risks, clarifying employee roles, creating back-ups, and redundancies. By planning ahead for threats like wildfires, storms, earthquakes, or even pandemics, businesses can reduce disruptions, recover more quickly, and build long-term resiliency for future disasters.



## SEPTEMBER IS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

It's an important reminder that advance planning is critical to protecting California's communities, businesses, and local economies. The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) offers the Outsmart Disaster Program, which provides tools and resources to help small businesses strengthen resilience before disruptions occur.

Explore available resources to support businesses, found [here](#).

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT & FUNDING PATHWAYS



[Revising Your Business Plan for Recovery](#)



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[LA Wildfire Small Business Relief Grant](#)

The Accion Opportunity Fund encourages small businesses to revisit their business plans following disasters and/or economic disruptions. By reassessing financial needs, customer changes, and market fit, owners can adjust goals, strategies, and projections.

By taking these steps, it not only supports immediate stabilization but also helps businesses better position themselves for sustainable, long-term recovery.

GO-Biz is offering the [California Jobs First Project Financing Webinar Series](#). The monthly webinars are designed to support the implementation of projects identified in the California Jobs First Regional Plans by sharing a diverse range of financing tools, strategies and co-investment opportunities.

The 5-part series will run monthly through December 2025 and cover these topics:

- Public-private partnerships for economic development
- Tax increment financing tools
- State financing tools
- Federal funding and place-based incentives
- Raising private capital & blended finance models

This is a \$250,000 grant program to support small business recovery. Eligible businesses can apply for up to \$5,000 in immediate assistance to help rebuild and restore operations.

This program is designed to provide relief to business owners affected by the Los Angeles Wildfires, ensuring they have the resources needed to recover and sustain their livelihoods.

*\*Grants are being awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.*