

Economic Injury Disaster Loans

Eligible Uses

Operations and Maintenance, Private-for-Profit Systems

Overview (purpose, mechanisms)	<p>Any small business and most private non-profits that have suffered substantial economic injury, regardless of physical damage, and are in a declared disaster area may be eligible for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). The EIDL is a working capital loan and cannot be used to repair, replace or purchase physical assets.</p> <p>If the business is in a special flood hazard area, it must have flood insurance before SBA can disburse a loan. If the business was legally required to maintain flood insurance but did not, SBA will not make a disaster loan.</p>
Recipients	Small businesses and most private-nonprofits.
Eligibility	Only businesses that are unable to obtain credit elsewhere can receive EIDLs. The SBA can provide up to \$2.0 million in disaster assistance to a business. This loan cap includes both economic injury and physical damage assistance. The interest rate on EIDLs cannot exceed 4 percent per year. The term of these loans cannot exceed 30 years.
Cost Sharing	None
Application Requirements	SBA tries to make a decision on each application within 21 days. After the request is approved, SBA will notify the applicant of documents that the business needs to submit. SBA provides the money in installments, as it is needed.

Additional Sources/Contact Information

For additional information contact SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans For Small Businesses Overview
http://www.sba.gov/disaster_recov/loaninfo/ecoinjury.html