

# SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Delaware Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Coronavirus

THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Delaware small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. John Carney.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of Delaware; contiguous counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Annes, Wicomico and Worcester in Maryland; and Gloucester and Salem in New Jersey.

“SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist Delaware small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19),” said Administrator Carranza.

SBA Customer Service Representatives will be available to answer questions about SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program and explain the application process.

“Small businesses, private nonprofit organizations of any size, small agricultural cooperatives and small aquaculture enterprises that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) since Jan. 31, 2020, may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred,” said Carranza.

These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. Disaster loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing,” Carranza added.

Eligibility for Economic Injury Disaster Loans is based on the financial impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses. The interest rate for private nonprofit organizations is 2.75 percent. SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years and are available to entities without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship. ■

## SBA Disaster Assistance Loans



*“SBA’s Delaware office is available to help small business owners understand our loan programs, and help them through the process”*

– John Fleming, Director, Delaware District Office,  
Small Business Administration

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. 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. **The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is Dec. 18, 2020.**

For more information about coronavirus, please visit: [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.covid.gov). For more information about available SBA resources and services, please visit: [SBA.gov/coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus).