Congress passed an $8.3 billion supplemental funding bill to address the impact of the COVID-19 response efforts. The legislation also categorizes COVID-19 as a disaster under the Small Business Administration (SBA) to address the economic consequences. These efforts will allow small business owners to access up to $7 billion in low-interest loans. Details of eligibility and administration of this assistance from SBA are still being addressed by the SBA. Below is general information for counties and local governments to know. All information was compiled from information distributed by Governor’s Office and SBA.

### INFORMATION FOR COUNTIES

#### Background on Disaster Loan Program

- **The SBA administers an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program to lessen the economic burden on small businesses.**
- **This program provides relief from economic injury caused directly by the disaster and permits the business to maintain a reasonable working capital position during the period affected by the disaster.**

#### Information about SBA Disaster Loans

- **Small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives who suffered substantial economic injury may be eligible for the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program.**
- **Substantial economic injury is the inability of a business to meet its obligations to pay its operating expenses.**
- **These loans help meet financial obligations a business could meet if the interruption to business did not occur.**
- **If a county is approved for SBA Economic Loss Declaration, then contiguous counties around the declared county are eligible for SBA economic injury assistance.**

#### Economic Injury Worksheet

- **The Economic Injury Worksheet records the business details and the estimated economic impact.**
- **These forms must be completed by small business owners then collected at the county level for them to submit to the State.**

#### Emergency Management Division Contact

- **At this time, questions should be directed towards the Washington Emergency Management Division.**
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