



ALPINE COUNTY UNIFIED COMMAND

DATE: August 12, 2022

RE: Eastern Alpine County Economic Recovery Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: ALPINE COUNTY ANNOUNCES APPLICATIONS FOR THE HIGHWAY 89 ROAD CLOSURE IMPACT FUND TO ASSIST WITH ECONOMIC RECOVERY EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES, WORKFORCE AND RESIDENTS IN EASTERN ALPINE COUNTY.

In response to the Highway 89 closure, Alpine County allocated \$65,000 for economic recovery for businesses, workforce and residents that experienced an economic hardship as a result of the debris flows and road closures. If you are a resident and operate a business in the road closure area, and both were impacted by the incident, you can fill out a resident/workforce application and a business application.

Applications are due by August 26, 2022 at 5 PM. Applications received after this date may not receive funding.

Resident & Workforce Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2gN3RhxQsgHsgJKNAFNNqrUx0nIXJ6aLKVfafFj3LP-AqTA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Business Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHHu6ZQH_Qa4v0xw5TRdRpO_xU_pQJIm7M2kYxNM1kQgNDZA/viewform?usp=sf_link

****Businesses must also fill out an Economic Injury Disaster Worksheet to qualify for funding****

Additionally, please reference the information below regarding ongoing fundraising efforts and the Caltrans Claim Form Process.

1. Business Resilience Fundraiser: Go Fund Me

Alpine County Chamber of Commerce created a Go Fund Me to raise funds for business recovery in Alpine County. Please follow the link if you would like to make donations to the recovery fund: <https://gofund.me/15312fac>

2. Caltrans Damage Claim Process

To present a claim for \$10,000 or less, for death or personal injury, or for injury to personal property or growing crops, please fill out [form LD-0274, Claim Against Department of Transportation for Amounts \\$10,000 or Less \(PDF\)](#) (Form Attached)

to file a claim against Caltrans. File the claim by sending the completed and signed original form with your supporting documents to the appropriate Caltrans District Claims Office. To determine the proper place to file your form, you must know the county in which your incident occurred. Each county is covered by a specific District Claims Office. The list below shows the address and telephone number of each District Claims Office, and the counties served by that District Claims Office. To see an interactive map showing the Caltrans Districts and the main District Offices, please use the following link: [Caltrans Near Me](#).

To present a claim for over \$10,000, If your claim is for over \$10,000 or concerns a different department or agency of the State of California, you must file a claim with the Government Claims Program. This program gives you the opportunity to formally demand compensation for your loss, and may lead to a settlement of your claim without the need to file a lawsuit. For more information about the Government Claims Program or to request a claim form, write to:

Government Claims Program for Claims over \$10,000

Mailing Address:

Government Claims Program
Office of Risk and Insurance Management
Department of General Services
P.O. Box 989052, MS 414
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9052

General Information:

Phone (toll-free): 1-800-955-0045
Email: gcinfo@dgs.ca.gov

3. Small Business Administration - Economic Impact Disaster Loans & Physical Damage Loans

Alpine County is currently working on certifying an Economic Disaster Declaration with the California Office of Emergency Services and the Small Business Administration. If an economic disaster is declared businesses can apply for an Economic Impact Disaster Loan (EIDL) (<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/economic-injury-disaster-loans>) or a Physical Damage Loan (<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/physical-damage-loans>).

What does a potential U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Declaration mean for businesses in California

- If a small business has suffered substantial economic injury as a result of a disaster, it may be eligible for financial assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- U.S. Small Business Administration is allowing businesses to forecast economic losses due to events that bring in high revenues being canceled.
- Small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives that have 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 as they mature and to pay its ordinary and necessary operating expenses.
- An EIDL can help meet necessary financial obligations that a business could have met had the disaster not occurred.

- It 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.
- The SBA provides EIDL assistance only to those businesses that SBA determines are unable to obtain credit elsewhere.
- The loan amount will be based on the business' actual economic injury and financial needs.
- The interest rate on EIDLs cannot exceed 4 percent per year.
- The term of the loans cannot exceed 30 years.
- Terms and conditions will be determined by the business' ability to repay the loan.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Estimated Adverse Economic Impact Section needs to be fully completed, with all questions answered regarding business revenues, whether there was any business interruption insurance, as well as the comments section. The comments section "Please provide a brief explanation of what adverse economic effects the disaster had on your business:" must indicate that the economic impacts are a direct result of the disaster. Please be sure the worksheets are completed prior to sending to Cal OES to prevent delay of qualifying the worksheet(s).

How do counties qualify for a U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration?

A county must provide a minimum of five Economic Injury Worksheet for businesses demonstrating economic loss due to the event to be eligible. If a county were to be approved for the SBA Economic Loss Declaration, then each contiguous county around the declared county would be eligible for SBA economic injury assistance. Please provide completed worksheet(s) once received to Cal OES. REMINDER this is not a loan application but only to qualify the county!

Emergency Services

Alpine County Sheriff's Office Dispatch: 530-694-2231

CalTrans Road Conditions: <https://dot.ca.gov/travel>

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