

EL PASO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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El Paso County Shares Resources for Small Local Business Impacted by COVID-19

Working to prevent wide-spread economic distress, the Economic Development Department seeks to help businesses stay afloat

March 18, 2020, EL PASO, TX: The El Paso County Economic Development Department is working to identify gaps in state and federal disaster relief efforts. Working in a mostly remote capacity, the team is diligently engaged in planning local relief efforts, while working hard to ensure local businesses know where to go to seek assistance from the impact of Covid-19, today.

Here are a few immediately available resources:

The Office of the Governor of Texas has requested an official disaster designation by the Small Business Administration (SBA) for the entire state of Texas. Impacted businesses will soon be eligible to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for up to \$2 million dollars by going to www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19.

The local Workforce Solutions office is prepared to respond to workers who have been laid off or dislocated. They are also prepared to provide employers with services if they are going to lay off large groups of people so that they are entered quickly into the system, or to assist employers who want to temporarily hire groups of workers who have recently been displaced. They can be reached at 915.887.2600 and online at www.borderplexjobs.com.

The Small Business Development Center is available to meet by phone or online after March 23, 2020. To review the advising services available to small businesses, visit <https://elpasosbdc.net>.

More information will be released about local programs offered to El Paso County businesses as information becomes available.

[The El Paso County Economic Development Department](#) administers programs which seek to enhance the business operating climate and promote heritage tourism throughout El Paso County. These efforts serve to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

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