

# Business Financing Worksheet

EDA/IEDC  
Rationale:

Traditional loans are considered high-risk for small business financing in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Small businesses need access to gap/bridge financing, as well as low-interest, flexible terms and/or forgivable loans, particularly during risky economic times.

## List for your community:

Local banks, credit unions, community development financial institutions, etc.

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Current business preparedness activities

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Prioritize (from 1-7) the following disaster related business financing tasks for your community:

- \_\_\_ Identify LOCAL sources of capital that can be made available to businesses after a disaster
- \_\_\_ Develop a disaster financing and local lending response strategy
- \_\_\_ Identify/deploy technical assistance for small and medium-sized businesses
- \_\_\_ Advocate for local government to create a reserve fund or purchase disaster insurance
- \_\_\_ Establish post disaster tax incentives for economic recovery (e.g. tax deferrals or exemptions for property improvement, equipment purchase, or job retention)
- \_\_\_ Establish a revolving loan fund to support business risk reduction or recovery needs
- \_\_\_ Establish a post disaster bridge loan program to provide working capital to local businesses

# Workforce Planning Worksheet

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Rationale:

The ability for businesses to ensure that their employees can live within commuting distance to worksites during the disaster response and recovery phases is key to retaining a skilled workforce and stimulating recovery efforts in a disaster-impacted community.

## List for your community:

Locations suitable for temporary workforce housing

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Local workforce investment and training stakeholders

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Prioritize (from 1-7) the following disaster related workforce planning tasks for your community:

- \_\_\_ Identify solutions and options to provide local temporary workforce housing
- \_\_\_ Develop post-disaster plans for workforce training and retention
- \_\_\_ Establish a post-disaster wage subsidy program to retain employees
- \_\_\_ Discuss temporary transportation alternatives for Veneta residents who commute outside Veneta for work
- \_\_\_ Discuss temporary transportation alternatives for employees who work in Veneta but live elsewhere
- \_\_\_ Develop a strategy to connect the local workforce with local businesses following a disaster event
- \_\_\_ Develop a strategy to support workers' families following a disaster

# Business Engagement Worksheet

## EDA/IEDC Rationale:

The public sector makes decisions that will have a direct consequence on local businesses during and after a disaster. However, business owners often don't see a natural role in a community's disaster preparedness effort. While local government has the legal responsibility to address disaster risks, the business community needs to be involved in planning for and responding to emergencies.

## List for your community:

Local business continuity planning resource or assistance providers

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Entities responsible for post disaster business recovery

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Prioritize (from 1-7) disaster related business engagement tasks for your community:

- \_\_\_ Build a local economic recovery team
- \_\_\_ Discuss and clarify post-disaster business support roles for the Chamber, City of Veneta, and other local economic development orgs
- \_\_\_ Establish regular (monthly to quarterly) meetings to discuss potential economic redevelopment and recovery strategies following a disaster
- \_\_\_ Provide training for local businesses on business continuity planning
- \_\_\_ Establish a tiered re-entry program for businesses and workforce following a major disaster or community scale evacuation
- \_\_\_ Inventory local businesses to ID disaster response/recovery assets and service capabilities
- \_\_\_ Pre-qualify or prioritize local businesses for post-event public bidding, procurement and contracting opportunities