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SMALL BUSINESS RESILIENCY FUND

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What is the Small Business Resiliency Fund (SBRF)?

The Small Business Resiliency Fund is a grant program from the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) that provides up to \$5,000 in financial assistance to small businesses that have experienced loss of workforce, customer decline, economic disruption, or revenue loss starting in June 2025. This support is intended to help businesses recover from unexpected events that have interrupted their operations.

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Who is eligible for this grant?

To be eligible for this grant, the business must have experienced financial impact such as revenue loss, workforce disruption, property damage, or customer decline beginning June 2025. Eligible businesses include storefronts, independent contractors, or mobile vendors in compliance that meet the following criteria:

- Located in LA County and headquartered in California before June 1, 2025
- Annual gross revenue must be \$6 million or less
- The business must have 100 or fewer employees
- The grant applicant must be the majority owner of the business
- The business must have been the primary source of income for the owner during the 2024 tax year
- The business must be currently active and operating and be in good standing with local, state, and federal tax and licensing authorities
- Business is NOT on the ineligible business list

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Do businesses that began operations in 2025 and have not yet filed taxes qualify?

Businesses open less than 1 year are still eligible. As proof of revenue, applicants will be asked to provide business bank statements from 3 or more consecutive months OR a year-to-date profit and loss statement showing the business owner's legal name and the business name. Businesses must have been headquartered and operating in California prior to June 1, 2025.

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How long are applications open?

Applications will be accepted from **September 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM** to **October 31, 2025 at 5:00 PM PST**.

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What counts as a qualifying event?

The business must attest to at least one of the following disruptions resulting from federal immigration enforcement beginning from June 6, 2025:

- Labor impacts or shortages
- Temporary closure and reduced hours
- Property damage
- Related revenue loss

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How will applicants be selected?

Eligible applications will be reviewed and scored based on predetermined criteria. If multiple applicants receive the same score, those applicants will be entered into a lottery to break the tie.



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What documents are required to apply for the program?

Please review the Eligibility Criteria and Required Documents checklist at bit.ly/AidKitChecklist for a full list of documents needed to apply.

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What are some examples of businesses that are not eligible?

Ineligible businesses include:

- Non-profit organizations (including Churches or other religious organizations)
- Landlords (Schedule E Passive Income)
- Businesses or companies held in trust
- Brick-and-mortar businesses do not include P.O. boxes, temporary shared spaces (i.e. WeWorks), etc.
- Businesses engaged in professional services including, but not limited to, legal/law, accounting and real estate.
- Businesses selling drugs or drug paraphernalia (including liquor stores and smoke shops)
- Corporate-owned franchises
- Private social clubs
- Payday loan stores, pawnshops and other firms involved in lending activities, such as banks, finance companies and any other firm whose stock in trade is money
- Firms involved in speculative activities (i.e., day trading, stock market exchange facilitators)
- Insurance companies, such as life, auto, home, bail bonds and other similar entities
- Astrology, palm reading, tarot, etc.
- Night clubs, adult bookstores and any businesses that presents live or other performances of a sexual nature
- Gambling businesses (i.e., track wagering facilities, casinos, bingo parlors)
- Trailer-storage yards and junkyards
- Gun or ammunition stores
- Multi-sales distribution & multi-level marketing
- Lobbying firms or businesses that dedicate 50% or more of their time or resources in lobbying activities
- Government offices or agencies
- Other businesses that may be deemed ineligible by DEO, based on information submitted by the applicant

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Can an applicant save an application and complete it at a later time?

Yes. The application platform allows applicants to save progress and return to complete their application later before submitting.

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When will applicants be notified if they have been selected?

Award notifications are expected to go out in November and December 2025 following the review and selection process.

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What happens when an applicant is awarded a grant?

Applicants will be asked to sign a grant agreement confirming eligibility and agreeing to the use of funds for approved business expenses such as rent, payroll, equipment repairs, inventory replacement, and recovery expenses. Grantees will also need to complete a post-award survey.



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If selected, how will an applicant receive payment?

Payments will be sent directly to the applicant's business bank account through ACH transfer. For certain businesses, a debit card may be provided with proof of identification.

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What support is available for applicants who do not speak English?

Multilingual assistance including application support and materials, is available through Community Based Organization (CBO) partners. Please refer to the next question below for contact information.

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What assistance is available to support with document verification and application submission?

Document verification assistance will be available through an approved CBO partner. All applicants must complete an online application. Applicants operating outside of target impact zones, as well as all sidewalk vendors, will need to visit a CBO in-person to complete verification of their applications. Applicants who fall within this category will receive instructions through the online application, and through a subsequent notification on how to complete this step. This step must be completed no later than the application deadline of **October 31, 2025, by 5:00 PM** in order for the application to be considered.

For a list of CBO partners completing in-person verification, and providing general application support, view the list below.

Note: CBO partners cannot complete or submit an application on behalf of an applicant.

ICON CDC

North Valley: 13168 Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

South Valley: 5805 Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 801, Van Nuys, CA 91411

Call: (818) 302-6114 | info@iconcdc.org

Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation (VSEDC)

Visit: 1130 W. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90044
Call: (323) 753-2335 | **Email:** jkeyes@vsedc.org

LEEAF

Visit: Pop-Up locations available at bit.ly/LEEAFpopup
Call: (323) 238-5995 | **Email:** hi@leeaf.la

For general questions, help gathering documents, or completing an application, contact the **Office of Small Business** for support at:

Phone: (844)-432-4900 (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM)
Email: osb@opportunity.lacounty.gov

Address: 4716 E. Cesar E. Chavez, Los Angeles 90022. Mon. to Fri. (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM)

For application portal troubleshooting and IT-related questions: Applicants may contact the Aidkit support team at **(213) 770-6148** or support@lacsmbizresiliency.aidkit.org.



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