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## **UPDATE: SBA IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS!**

### **Westmoreland County COVID-19 Leadership Team urges small businesses and nonprofits to immediately begin application process for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans**

GREENSBURG, PA, March 19, 2020 — The Westmoreland County COVID-19 Leadership Team strongly recommends that managers of small businesses that have been negatively impacted by the ongoing public-health emergency promptly begin the application process for just-approved emergency funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

“If your business has suffered during this emergency, don’t delay; you should file as soon as possible,” said Sean Kertes, chairman of the county commissioners. “At this point, it’s unclear how much funding the SBA will earmark for Pennsylvania, so we urge our local businesses not to wait. We want the county economy to be well-positioned to emerge strong once this passes.”

The SBA’s Office of Disaster Assistance this afternoon approved the statewide disaster declaration application submitted by Gov. Tom Wolf’s office. Small businesses and nonprofits that have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus now can apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan via <https://sba.gov/disaster>. These low-interest loans can be for up to \$2 million.

The SBA has provided three documents to help with the process:

- [A three-step overview of the SBA Disaster Loan process](#),
- [A summary of terms of the disaster assistance](#), and
- [A notice to lenders, CDCs and microloan intermediaries regarding deferments on SBA 7\(a\) and 504 business loans and microloans](#).

For information concerning SBA’s disaster funding, see <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>. Businesses with questions about the funding should contact the SBA Pittsburgh District Office at [wpainfo@sba.gov](mailto:wpainfo@sba.gov).

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