This week, SBA announced that the deadline to apply for a COVID-19 pandemic Economic Injury Disaster Loan has been extended to December 31, 2021.

To date, SBA has approved $197 billion in low-interest loans, which provide U.S. small businesses, non-profits, and agricultural businesses working capital funds. Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications will continue to be accepted through December 2021, pending the availability of funds.

Loans are offered at affordable terms, including a 3.75% interest rate for small businesses and 2.75% for non-profit organizations, a 30-year maturity, and an automatic deferment of one year before monthly payments begin. All eligible small businesses and nonprofits are encouraged to apply.

Learn more and apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan
Happy New Year from SBA! For small businesses across America, 2020 was one of the most challenging years in history. SBA has your back in 2021 and beyond with resources that can help you start, grow, expand, or recover your business.

[Read our latest blog post to learn more](#)

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ANNOUNCING

ASCENT

The online learning platform that is packed with resources women need to set and achieve their business goals.

[JOIN the ASCENT](#)
Please join SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza on Thursday, January 7 at 1:00 pm ET for a live webinar to announce the launch of Ascent. Ascent is a first-of-its-kind digital online learning platform geared to help women-owned small businesses grow and scale their existing business.

With Ascent, female entrepreneurs will be able to utilize this platform that brings a modern, e-learning experience specifically targeted for women business owners.

Click here to register

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**Join the SBA Team:**

Employment opportunities to support SBA’s COVID-19 pandemic response

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**Job Alert!** SBA is now hiring attorneys, paralegals, credit analysts, loan officers, mortgage underwriters, customer service representatives and other workers to assist with disaster relief efforts. Bilingual skills are a plus.

Apply today
Federal Coronavirus Resources
State, local, and federal agencies are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Check out coronavirus.gov for updates from the White House's COVID-19 Task Force. Go to cdc.gov for detailed information about COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Visit covid-sb.org, the official federal resource website for U.S. small businesses affected by COVID-19.

Learn more about the federal government’s response

Virtual Mentoring and Training
Offices around the country may be closed due to the pandemic, but SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women’s Business Centers, Veterans Business Outreach Centers and other resource partners are providing free business mentoring and training by phone, email, and video.

Find an SBA resource partner near you

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Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.
Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting (800) 659-2955, TTY (800) 877-8339, or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.
Avoid scams and fraud, visit sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert