

261—74.7 (83GA,SF344) Disaster recovery component.

74.7(1) Eligibility—*for businesses affected by a disaster occurring before July 1, 2009.*

a. Eligibility requirements. In order to qualify for financial assistance under the disaster recovery component of the program, a business shall meet all of the following conditions:

(1) The business is located in an area declared a disaster area by a federal official before July 1, 2009.

(2) The business must document that it has sustained substantial physical damage related to the natural disaster. For purposes of this rule, “substantial physical damage” means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

(3) The business must commit to bring its employment level up, within six months of the award date, to at least 90 percent of its base employment prior to the closure of the business due to the natural disaster in a federally declared disaster area. The business shall submit payroll records to establish the business’s employment base prior to the date of the federal disaster declaration.

(4) The business must commit to paying wages, within six months of the award date, that are no less than the wages paid prior to the closure of the business due to the natural disaster in a federally declared disaster area. The business shall submit payroll records to establish the wages that were paid prior to the date of the federal disaster declaration.

(5) The business must apply for assistance by July 31, 2009.

b. Project initiation. The board may elect to fund applications under this component for projects which have been initiated.

c. Local match. The board will determine if local match will be needed and what level of local match will be acceptable.

74.7(2) Eligibility—*for businesses affected by a disaster occurring on or after July 1, 2009.*

a. Eligibility requirements. In order to qualify for financial assistance under the disaster recovery component of the program, a business shall meet all of the following conditions:

(1) The business is located in an area declared a disaster area by a federal official on or after July 1, 2009.

(2) The business has sustained substantial physical damage and has closed as the result of a natural disaster. For purposes of this rule, “sustained substantial physical damage” means damage of any origin sustained by a structure or the machinery and equipment contained within whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition or replacing the machinery and equipment would exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure or machinery and equipment before the damage occurred. If the business is located in a multitenant building, the market value of the structure before the damage occurred may be prorated based on the percentage of space within the building which the business occupies.

(3) The business must commit to bringing its employment level up, within six months of the award date, to at least 90 percent of its base employment prior to the closure of the business due to the natural disaster in a federally declared disaster area. The business shall submit payroll records to establish the business’s employment base prior to the date of the federal disaster declaration.

(4) The business must commit to paying wages, within six months of the award date, that are no less than the wages paid prior to the closure of the business due to the natural disaster in a federally declared disaster area. The business shall submit payroll records to establish the wages that were paid prior to the date of the federal disaster declaration.

(5) The business must apply for assistance within 12 months of the date of the declaration of disaster by a federal official.

b. Local match not required. A business applying for financial assistance under this disaster recovery component is eligible for financial assistance regardless of whether the business has received

matching funds from a city or county. This paragraph only applies to businesses eligible for assistance under subrule 74.7(2).

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