



Disaster Planning and Recovery Resources for Businesses

Fortify Your Business

Thrive despite the unexpected.

Build a future-proof business with our self-paced guide for Colorado entrepreneurs and businesses. Learn to reduce downtime, minimize financial strain, and master disaster resilience—no matter where you are in the process.

Does your business have a plan for how to handle unexpected events such as natural disasters in order to mitigate losses? Many business owners find themselves unprepared when it comes to wildfires, supply chain interruptions, or what would happen to the business in the event that you, the business owner, aren't able to work.

The SBDC has created and compiled resources to help your business plan for the unexpected and also make an exit plan.

On-demand pre-recorded

webinars:

- [Building a Resilient Business: Risk Management 101](#)
- [Contingency Planning for Your Business](#)
- [Legal Checklist: What's in a Contingency Plan?](#)
- [SBA Disaster Loans for Wildfire Impact](#)
- [Exit Planning: Why It Matters and How to Get Started](#)
- [Ready to Pivot: Preparing for Wildfire Season](#)

Self-paced courses on the SBDC's learning management website (requires creating a an account first if you have never used this platform):

- [Business Recovery & Resiliency Guide](#)
 - Course 1: Colorado SBDC Business Recovery and Resiliency Guide Overview
 - Course 2: Mitigation & Preparedness - Reducing Risk & Building Readiness
 - Course 3: Response — Immediate Stabilization & Crisis Management
 - Course 4: Recovery - Restoring and Rebuilding
 - [Exit Planning for Your Business](#)
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Recovering from a disaster takes time. Each stage brings new challenges—especially for small business owners working to protect their livelihood, support employees, and rebuild operations. Each person’s journey will be unique and will depend on the particular disaster, the extent of damages, and your own circumstances.

[On this website](#) you will find information to help you navigate through your disaster recovery journey, at your own pace. For each of the three recovery phases, you will find common steps in the process with relevant information and best practices, followed by a link to a database of resources related to the topic. The resource database includes descriptions and links to additional information, assistance programs, guidance, and more. Instead of having links scattered in the steps, the database allows you to explore all of the resources using an interactive tool. You can also access the full database from the ‘Resources’ menu at the top right of this page.

Information included below addresses recovery steps and resources relevant to the recovery of your business. If you were also personally impacted, the Property Owner Journey and Renter’s Journey have additional information and resources to support you and your family’s personal recovery.

- [Disaster recovery resources](#)
- [SBDC disaster response and preparedness toolkit](#)



U.S. Small Business Administration

Search the [SBA website](#) to find out if a disaster that has affected your business has been declared by the SBA.

Who can apply for an SBA disaster loan?

- Businesses of all sizes
- Homeowners
- Renters
- Private nonprofit organizations

You must be located in a [declared disaster area](#) and meet other eligibility criteria depending on the type of loan.

SBA disaster loans can be used for:

- Losses not covered by insurance or funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for both personal and business
- Business operating expenses that could have been met had the disaster not occurred

Find out [how to use the MySBA Loan Portal](#) to check your application status and manage your loan.



Region 10

Region 10's Business Loan Fund (BLF) is a lending source that provides capital to small businesses focusing on expansion, creating and retaining jobs, and benefiting our growing regional economy. For more than 30 years, the BLF has assisted for-profit and nonprofit businesses with their financing needs with loans that typically range from \$5,000 to \$250,000 with up to 10-year terms.



[Ready to Pivot: Preparing for Wildfire Season](#)

Fears about the looming fire season are causing concern among many businesses in Northwest CO. How can small business owners prepare?

About This Event

This discussion with SBDC advisor Dale Jasinski covers topics ranging from lost revenues and building flexibility into operations to short- or long-term pivots that may shock-proof income streams.

Who Should Attend?

This on-demand webinar focuses on existing small businesses in and around rural Colorado resort/tourism communities.

[On-demand webinar](#)

[Ready to Pivot: Preparing for Wildfire Season](#)
[online, no cost](#)

[Wildfire Recovery Strategies - Colorado SBDC Weekly Forum](#)

Navigating the aftermath of a wildfire can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. The Colorado SBDC invites small business owners, operators, and community leaders to our weekly roundtable discussions.

These sessions are designed to be low-pressure, highly approachable spaces where you can find practical guidance, share your experiences, and connect directly with a diverse team of business professionals. Whether you have specific questions or just want to listen and learn from peers facing similar challenges, you are welcome here.

We'll kick off most calls with a brief overview of a specific recovery topic or resource. The remainder of the hour will be open for group discussion.

Schedule & Logistics:

- **When:** Tuesdays from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (MT) beginning July 21st
- **Where:** Hosted virtually on Zoom.
- **Registration:** Free, but registration is required.
- **Recording Policy:** To ensure a safe and open space for sensitive business discussions, **on-demand recordings are not guaranteed**. Depending on the nature of the conversation, we may only share the initial presentation portion or choose not to distribute the recording at all. We highly encourage live attendance to get the most out of the discussion!

Live open forums

Wildfire Recovery Strategies - Colorado SBDC Weekly Forum

online, no cost

[July 21](#)

[July 28](#)

[August 4](#)

[August 11](#)

[August 18](#)

[August 25](#)

No Cost SBDC Advising



Effective.

Our consultants have years of experience helping small businesses start, grow and succeed.



Confidential.

You can come to your appointments feeling confident, knowing your information is kept in the strictest confidence.



At no cost.

Thanks to the support of the SBA, hosts and sponsors, our consulting services are provided at no cost to you.

1. Meet with an Advisor

We match you with advisors whose expertise meets your needs.

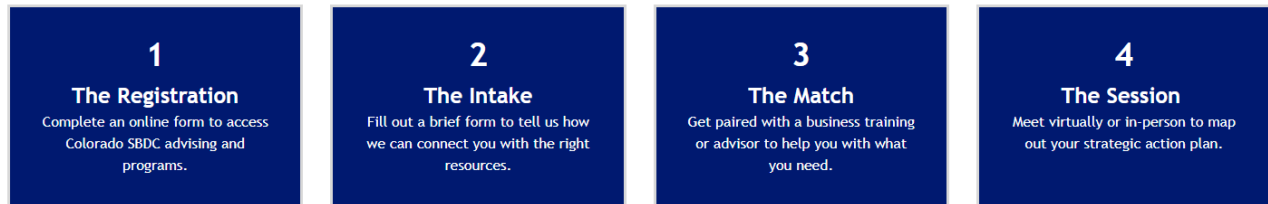
2. Set Goals

At your first session, we will help you set goals and determine which combination of coaches, training and programs will get you there. Bring a list of questions or topics you'd like to discuss. We'll be dedicated to your success, and in return we expect you to come prepared and on time to advising appointments and classes.

3. Track Your Growth

We expect growth from our clients. We have an advanced online system that allows you to track your progress. On an annual basis, we report aggregated client data to show the strength of our small business community so we can continue to provide you with affordable and no-cost services.

How it works



[Register online and request to meet with an advisor](#)