

## U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and Disaster Recovery

### National Disaster Recovery Framework

The Economic Development Administration is one of six federal agencies, as part of the National Disaster Recovery Framework that coordinates disaster recovery. This collaboration among federal agencies and with partners in the local, state and tribal governments and private and nonprofit sectors who may not typically be involved in emergency support functions are critically needed in disaster recovery.

### Purpose

The Economic Development Administration integrates the expertise of all partners to help local, state, tribal, and territorial governments, and the private sector sustain and/or rebuild businesses and employment, and develop economic opportunities that result in sustainable and economically resilient communities after an incident.

### Objectives and Considerations

Critical considerations associated with addressing economic recovery post disaster center on these elements. Naturally, the opportunity exists for other issues to arise that are not enumerated under these considerations.

1. *Assessment and Evaluation—Consideration for the integration, access, collection, and analysis of economic recovery related data.*
2. *Community Planning—Consideration of alignment of economic recovery planning efforts with other community-driven planning efforts and issues.*
3. *Cash Flow—Consideration of individual and business cash flow issues and the conduct of commerce.*
4. *Business Resumption—Consideration of businesses returning, rebuilding concerns/issues, capital access resources and business planning.*
5. *Capital Access and Insurance—Consideration of access to capital issues, insurance payments/coverage issues.*
6. *Workforce Development—Consideration of post-disaster labor demand with supply, retraining programs, the unemployed, temporary employment, etc.*
7. *Economic Development—Consideration of accelerated project development, repurposed initiatives, job creation opportunities, and other associated issues.*
8. *Small Business—Considerations for small business issues like business planning, capital resources, and the need for technical assistance.*
9. *Marketing and Communications—Considerations for promoting active and consistent communication between local, state, tribal, territorial, insular areas, Federal, and private sector stakeholders regarding the issues and opportunities affecting the economy.*
10. *Resiliency—Considerations for promoting economic planning and strategies that enable local, state, and tribal communities to anticipate risk, limit impact, and bounce back rapidly post disaster.*

### 4420-DR-NE Disaster Declaration

The Economic RSF in Nebraska is focusing on *Agriculture, Transportation, Workforce, Lending and Business Resumption*

### Key Resources (not all)

- EDA Programs and Initiatives at <https://www.eda.gov/programs/eda-programs/>
- EDA partnered with the International Economic Development Council to create a guide to free disaster recovery products and services. Excellent resources at <http://restoreyoureconomy.org/>

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