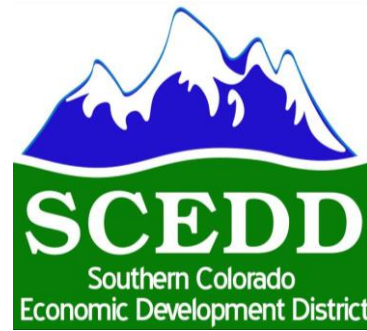




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Community Navigator Pilot Program Launches as Federal Small Business Funding Deadlines Approach

PUEBLO, CO – Facilitating access to small business funding relief – such as the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program expiring soon – is the initial focus of the new Community Navigator Pilot Program (CNPP), which has begun its soft launch in southern Colorado.

The CNPP is the result of a \$1M grant recently awarded by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to the Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD). CNPP will specifically assist small business owners and entrepreneurs with access to training, resources, and capital within SCEDD's 13-county region through collaboration among several hyper-local business service providers.

Because the SBA COVID-19 EIDL relief program expires overall this Dec. 31, 2021, the CNPP network is now here to assist small businesses with applying to access these funds. Entrepreneurs who qualify are especially encouraged to apply for the Supplemental Targeted Advance program by **December 10, 2021**. Here are important steps to securing this funding, which is accessed via applying for the COVID-19 EIDL program:

- 1) Find out if your business qualifies for COVID-19 EIDL funding here: [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
- 2) Review this checklist to ensure your business has all required documentation before applying: [ENGLISH](#) | [ESPAÑOL](#)
- 3) Contact SCEDD CNPP if additional assistance is needed to apply: info@scedd.com or (719) 545-8680

CNPP is a two-year grant funded through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. The program was developed by the SBA in response to small business needs that became evident over the course of the COVID pandemic, which traditional offerings struggled to meet. The SCEDD CNPP will formally launch in January 2022.

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