

# DEED Supports Disaster Recovery

After a disaster, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is ready to help individuals, businesses and communities recover.

## Unemployed Workers

- **WorkForce Centers** – People who are looking for jobs should visit their local WorkForce Center for assistance. Find your local WorkForce Center by calling 1.888.GET.JOBS or log on to [mn.gov/deed/wfc](http://mn.gov/deed/wfc).



- Post resumes, find job opportunities and search for employees at [minnesotaworks.net](http://minnesotaworks.net).
- **Unemployment Insurance** – If an individual is unemployed because of a disaster, they may be eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance benefits. Apply online at [www.uimn.org](http://www.uimn.org) or by phone at 1.877.898.9090.
- **National Emergency Grant (NEG)** – A NEG creates temporary employment to assist with clean-up, restoration activities and humanitarian assistance to communities affected by disaster.

DEED can apply for an NEG in affected counties where a presidential disaster declaration has been declared and local officials indicate a need. WorkForce Centers in the counties included in the grant will coordinate and implement a disaster-related NEG once it is awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor. A NEG lasts six months, and can provide up to \$12,000 to each eligible individual in wages.

## Business

- **Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)** – SBDCs provide counseling to small businesses on a variety of business needs. In the wake of a disaster, the SBDCs will work with small businesses to help them tap into SBA Disaster Loans and Economic Injury Loans by assisting them with the required paperwork and procedures. More information is available at [mn.gov/deed/sbdc](http://mn.gov/deed/sbdc).
- **Minnesota Investment Fund** – The Minnesota Investment Fund provides grants to local units of government who provide loans to assist businesses for building renovation, remodeling, equipment, and necessary working capital. Qualified businesses and non-profit entities can receive flexible loan terms that may be

subordinate to existing debt. Local units of government will assist in developing specific criteria based on community rebuilding priorities and objectives.

**Special legislative funding must be approved** prior to MIF funds being available for a disaster. Any business loans follow locally developed guidelines and are awarded based on third-party damage estimates.

- **Other Business Finance Programs** – DEED also offers a variety of other business loan programs that are designed to assist businesses meeting specific eligibility or located in targeted areas of the state. Program descriptions are available at [mn.gov/deed/bizfinance](http://mn.gov/deed/bizfinance).

Please contact the business finance office at 651.259.7430 or toll-free at 800.657.3858 to determine if your business qualifies for any of these programs.



## Community Assistance

- **MN Public Facilities Authority (PFA)** – After a disaster, the MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Department of Health and other partner agencies will work to protect the integrity of public drinking water and wastewater systems and assist communities in getting the systems operational to protect the public health. If infrastructure repairs are needed the PFA will work with the appropriate funding and regulatory agencies to coordinate any funds appropriated by the legislature for the repair or replacement of damaged drinking water or wastewater infrastructure with existing funding for longterm improvements. More information is available at [mn.gov/deed/pfa](http://mn.gov/deed/pfa).
- **Small Cities Development Program (SCDP)** – The SCDP provides funding for housing and community development activities. One of the eligible activities is to alleviate urgent community development needs caused by natural disasters. The SCDP will work with state and local officials to assist communities with necessary financial resources, dependent on the availability of funding. Planning and administrative support to implement recovery activities is also included.

## DEED Business Representatives

- **DEED Business Representatives** can help disaster affected businesses identify resources to assist with recovery needs.

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