

# **Governor's Office of Storm Recovery**

## **Small Business Recovery Program**

### **Program Deadline FAQs**

***I have an existing application and want to continue pursue grant assistance. What do I need to do?***

Complete and return a Confirmation of Interest Form and an Opt-In Form to your Small Business Development Center (SBDC) no later than May 1, 2015.

***I am not sure if I have existing applications. How can I find out?***

Contact your nearest SBDC for assistance. A list of locations can be found at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/business>.

***I received a preliminary award of \$10,000, but never completed my full application. What should I do?***

Complete and return a Confirmation of Interest Form and an Opt-In Form to your Small Business Development Center no later than May 1, 2015.

***I am not sure if my application has been submitted to the state for final approval. How can I find out?***

Contact your nearest SBDC for assistance. A list of locations can be found at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/business>.

***How can I submit a brand new application?***

Applicants who would like to apply for the first time must complete and return a Confirmation of Interest Form and an Opt-In Form to your SBDC no later than May 1, 2015. Brand new applicants should also schedule an appointment with their nearest SBDC to review program guidelines and assistance options.

***Where can I find a copy of the policy manual?***

A copy of the NY Rising Small Business Policy Manual (English, Chinese, Russian and Spanish) can be found at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/policy-manuals>.

***Where can I view a complete list of documents that are required to apply?***

A list of required application documents can be found at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/business>.

***I have been actively working with my Business Advisor, but my application has not yet been submitted to the State for final approval. Do I still need to complete the Confirmation of Interest Form and Opt-In Form?***

Yes. Any applicant who has not submitted to the State for final approval and wants to continue pursue grant assistance must complete and return a Confirmation of Interest Form and an Opt-In Form to the SBDC no later than May 1, 2015.

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***What if I do not complete the Confirmation of Interest Form and Opt-In Form by May 1, 2015?***

In the instance that a completed Confirmation of Interest Form and Opt-In Form is not received by May 1, 2015, the application will be deemed “inactive” and thus removed from consideration for grant assistance.

***What if I have more than one application? Do I need to submit a Confirmation of Interest Form and Opt-In Form for each application?***

Yes. A Confirmation of Interest Form and Opt-In Form must be completed by May 1, 2015 for each application for which you would like to continue to pursue assistance.

***I would like to continue to pursue grant assistance for my existing application, and I already completed an Opt-In Form. What should I do?***

Please confirm that your nearest SBDC has a copy of your Opt-In Form and complete a Confirmation of Interest Form by May 1, 2015.

***Does completion of the Confirmation of Interest Form and Opt-In Form guarantee grant assistance or eligibility?***

No. Completion of the Confirmation of Interest Form and Opt-In Form does not guarantee grant assistance or reflect determination of eligibility. However, this important step is nevertheless required for your continued participation in the program.

***Once I confirm my interest in continuing my participation in the program, what is the deadline for submitting all application documents?***

All application documents, as outlined on the Applicant Document Checklist, must be provided to your nearest SBDC no later than July 1, 2015.

***Who can I contact if I have additional questions?***

Contact your nearest SBDC. A list of locations can be found at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/business>.