



Assistance & Resource Programs



Program Overview: The California Small Agricultural Business Drought & Flood Relief Grant Program will provide relief to small agricultural businesses that experienced a decline in annual gross receipts or gross profits due to drought or storm flood conditions.

WHERE TO APPLY: www.cadroughtfloodrelief.com

Storm Flood Relief

Eligibility Requirements:

An applicant must meet this Program's definition of a **"qualified small business"** to be eligible to receive a grant award.

For the purpose of this Program, a **"qualified small business"** means a business that meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria, as confirmed by the office or fiscal agent through review of revenue declines, other relief funds received, credit history, tax returns, payroll records, and bank account validation:

1. Is a sole proprietor, independent contractor, C-corporation, S-corporation, cooperative, limited liability company, partnership, nonprofit (other than a 501(c)(4) organization), or limited partnership, domiciled in California, with 100 or fewer full-time employees in the 2022 taxable year and will have 100 or fewer full-time employees in the 2023 taxable year. Seasonal employees are included in the full-time employee count.

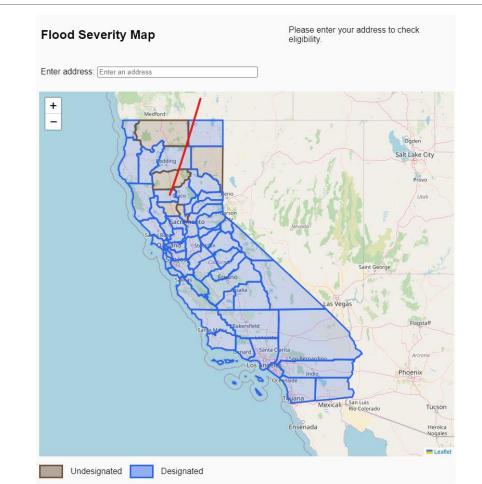
2. Had 100 or fewer full-time employees in the 2022 taxable year <u>and</u> will have 100 or fewer full-time employees in the 2023 taxable year. Seasonal employees are included in the full--time employee count.

- 3. Be domiciled in the state of California.
- 4. Began operating in the state prior to January 1, 2020.
- 5. Is currently active and operating.

6. Has been affected by storm flooding or is within or serves a county that has a state or federal disaster declaration for storm flooding.

7. Provides organizing documents, including a federal tax return or Internal Revenue Service Form 990, and a copy of official filings with the Secretary of State or with the local municipality, as applicable, including, but not limited to, articles of incorporation, certificate of organization, fictitious name of registration, or government-issued business license.

Enter your business address in the interactive map below to identify your storm flooding classification.



Group 1: Grant & funding details

Storm Flood Group 1 is allocated to applicants that meet all the following criteria:

1. Is a qualified small business or nonprofit organization as defined here.

2. Has an owner or, in the case of a nonprofit, an authorized person, submitting the application that is at least 18 years of age.

3. Operates under any of the following 2022 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) or National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) codes identified as an industry most impacted by storm flooding:

- NAICS Codes beginning with 111 Crop Production Subsector
- NAICS Codes beginning with 115 Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry
- NAICS Codes beginning with 311 Food Manufacturing
- NAICS Codes beginning with 1121 Cattle Ranching and Farming
- NAICS 424910 Farm Supplies Merchant Wholesalers
- NAICS 444240 Nursery, Garden Center, and Farm Supply Retailers
- NAICS 312130 Wineries
- NAICS 424480 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Merchant Wholesalers
- NAICS 445230 Fruit and Vegetable Retailers
- NAICS 115112 Soil Preparation, Planting, and Cultivating
- NAICS 484220 Specialized Freight (except Used Goods) Trucking, Local (local agricultural products trucking)
- NTEE D99 Animal Related N.E.C
- NTEE K02 Management & Technical Assistance
- NTEE K03 Professional Societies & Associations
- NTEE K20 Agricultural Programs
- NTEE K25 Farmland Preservation
- NTEE K26 Animal Husbandry
- NTEE K2A Other Vegetable (except Potato) and Melon Farming
- NTEE K2B Soil, Preparation, Planting and Cultivating
- NTEE K2C Wineries
- NTEE K93 Fruit and Vegetable Markets
- NTEE K99 Food, Agriculture & Nutrition N.E.C.

These funds will be distributed to eligible applicants in the following amounts:

\$25,000	Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each eligible applicant with less than three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) in annual gross revenue, as reflected in the applicant's filed, federal business tax return for the 2022 taxable year.
\$75,000	Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for each eligible applicant with at least three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) but less than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) in annual gross revenue, as reflected in the applicant's filed, federal business tax return for the 2022 taxable year.
\$100,000	One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each eligible applicant with at least seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) but no more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in annual gross revenue, as reflected in the applicant's filed, federal business tax return for the 2022 taxable year.

Drought Relief

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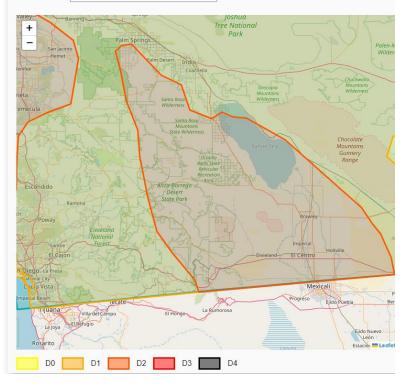
6. Has been affected by severe drought according to a D2 or higher drought classification pursuant to a methodology based on the USDA Drought Monitor.

7. Provides organizing documents, including a federal tax return or Internal Revenue Service Form 990, and a copy of official filings with the Secretary of State or with the local municipality, as applicable, including, but not limited to, articles of incorporation, certificate of organization, fictitious name of registration, or government-issued business license.

Enter your business address in the interactive map below to identify your drought classification.

Drought Severity Map

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Opening Remarks

> We gather here to address the immediate needs of the farming community and your workforce in our district.

➢ Today's focus: The impact of Hurricane Hilary and how the EDD system can support you and your employees.

The objective is to provide you with actionable information and resources.

Role of Legislative Offices

Our legislative offices serve as a liaison between you and state agencies.

➢ The Employment Development Department (EDD) is a state agency, making us an effective conduit for your or your employees' concerns.

➢Our goal is to ensure that folks receive the state benefits you're entitled to.

Role of EDD

The Employment Development Department (EDD) provides essential support services, including unemployment benefits.

These services are particularly relevant in times of crisis, such as natural disasters.

>Let's explore how you can guide your employees in navigating these services.

Why Focus on EDD and Farmworkers?

Farmworkers play an integral role in our economy.
 Disruptions like Hurricane Hilary can severely impact this sector.

>Therefore, understanding EDD provisions becomes critical.



>EDD provisions have been adjusted for victims of Hurricane Hilary.

➢No one-week waiting period for those affected between August 19, 2023, and February 20, 2024, in specified counties, including Imperial.

- Eligibility conditions apply.
- > These EDD provisions also apply to farmworkers.
- >It covers unemployment due to the hurricane.
- > Employees should know their rights and options.

Action Steps

Inform your employees about special EDD provisions and resources.

Share information learned from this presentation and materials with your employees.

>Your active role can make a significant difference in your employees' lives.

Contact Information for Assistance

For support, Feel free to contact **Senator Steve Padilla's** office, and reach out to Jaysel Mendoza, District Representative at **1224 State Street, Suite D, El Centro, CA 92243. Phone: (760) 335-3442.**

For support, Feel free to contact **Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia's** office, and reach out to Guillermo, Field Representative. **1101 Airport Rd Suite D, Imperial, CA Phone: (760) 355-8656.**

Both offices are fully equipped to assist you with concerns or questions related to EDD or issues affecting farmworkers.