

Dear Ballard Alliance Members and Partners -

**The Small Business Administration disaster assistance is now available.** Please see below for select information just shared from their press release as well as next steps for getting started.

In addition, please review the [Ballard Alliance website](#) for updated information and resources. We will be conducting frequent updates in the days ahead.

*"The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Washington small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Jay Inslee on March 13, 2020."*

### **Get Started**

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Sincerely,

***Mike Stewart***  
Executive Director