

Please let your staff who may be fielding *inquiries about small business loans* know about BCL of Texas – they have several type of lending programs capitalized by EDA, SBA, probably USDA and can walk a small business whatever they need, even if it's updating their financials. Rosa Rios Valdez has been a colleague of mine since I was in local government, started this organization when she was at LCRA, and until recently was on our CAEDD. I also served on her board during my early CAPCOG years.

BCL will get funding from the next big round going to EDA – *they can do all sizes of loans anywhere in our ten-county region*. **Their website is <http://www.bcloftexas.org> and their office number in Austin is 512.912.9884.**

We will also be looking for *projects with the new round of EDA disaster funding* as soon as the regional director lets us know to pull that trigger – keep in mind the match requirements is significantly lower with these funds and its likely that again, the criteria tied to distress/low income will be relaxed. Rachel is developing some case study/examples of types of EDA-eligible projects which could help smaller businesses and will be discussing those at our CAEDD meeting (virtually of course) on April 24th.

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