

Small Business Disaster Recovery Fund Grant Program

APPLICANT CERTIFICATIONS

In connection with the Small Business Disaster Recovery Fund Grant Program (the “Program”), administered for the purposes of distributing Program grants within the Eaton and Palisades Wildfire Disaster Impact & Evacuation Area as such is defined in the then-current Program & Application Guide at time of application submission (the “Program Area”), through the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation (“LAACCF”), the undersigned, constituting an authorized representative of the below-referenced applicant business (the “Applicant”), acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of the Applicant, that LAACCF and B.S.D. Capital, Inc. dba Lendistry (“Lendistry”), as the designated administrator of the Program, each may rely on the below certifications in determining the Applicant’s eligibility for the Program and receipt of a grant under the Program.

The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that if (i) any of the following certifications are untrue, (ii) the Applicant knowingly makes any false or misleading statement or material omission in the information or materials required or requested from the Applicant, or (iii) the Applicant uses any grant funds for any unauthorized purpose, LAACCF and/or Lendistry may require the Applicant to repay such grant funds or take any other legal or equitable recourse available, including, without limitation, by seeking remedies for fraud.

By executing this document, the Applicant hereby certifies to all of the following (please initial next to each of the certifications below):

___ 1. The undersigned signatory (a) is a duly authorized representative of Applicant and has full authority to make the certifications referenced herein on Applicant’s behalf, (b) is the authorized signer identified in Applicant’s Program application, and (c) is at least eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of execution of these certifications and application submission.

___ 2. Applicant represents and warrants that Applicant’s business meets all of the eligibility requirements for this Program, including but not limited to, that Applicant’s annual revenue for the calendar year 2023 did not exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).

___ 3. Applicant represents and warrants that it is currently open and operating within the Program Area, or (b) plans to reopen and resume operations within the Program Area.

___ 4. Applicant represents and warrants that it must meets both of the following criteria: (a) Applicant is/was physically located within the Program Area and (b) fifty percent (50%) or more of its clientele base is/was located within the Program Area.

___ 5. Applicant represents and warrants it registered to do business legally in the state of California on or before June 1, 2023. If Applicant is a nonprofit entity, Applicant also represents and warrants that it is registered as a 501(c)(3) and in good standing with California Department of Justice’s Registry of Charities and Fundraisers.

___ 6. Applicant represents and warrants that if any grant funds are received by the Applicant, such grant funds will be used only for business expenses arising out of the 2025 Los Angeles County Eaton and Palisades wildfires and not covered by other forms of assistance.

___ 7. If a grant is received by the Applicant, no portion of the grant funds will be used for any purposes other than those identified in Section 6 above. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that if all or any portion of the grant funds are used for any unauthorized purposes, LAACCF or its designee(s) may hold the undersigned, Applicant and/or any other owner, officer, or director thereof legally liable, including, but not limited to, liability for possible charges of fraud.

___ 8. The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Applicant cannot be defined as one or more of the following types of businesses deemed ineligible to receive a grant under the Program:

- a. Religious institutions, including churches.
- b. Government offices or agencies, other than Native American tribes.
- c. Publicly traded companies.
- d. Corporate-owned franchises.
- e. Financial institutions, such as banks, lenders, pay day lenders, auto title lenders, check cashers, other businesses whose stock in trade is money and mortgages, and other similar entities.
- f. Insurance companies, such as life, auto, home, bail bond, and other similar entities.
- g. Businesses who restrict patronage for any reason other than age.
- h. Lobbying firms or businesses who dedicate fifty percent (50%) or more of their time or resources to lobbying activities.
- i. Businesses that generate income through activities performed in violation of local, state or federal law, and through the sale, cultivation, or transportation of cannabis.
- j. Businesses that exist to advance partisan political activities.
- k. Businesses or organizations which are, or whose owners, officers, partners, directors, and/or principals are, currently suspended, disbarred, ineligible, or excluded from participation in federal, state, or local assistance programs or from receiving federal or state financial or nonfinancial assistance and/or benefits.
- l. Businesses with any owner with greater than ten percent (10%) equity interest in it, or nonprofit organizations with any officer, who meets any of the following criteria: the owner of the business or the officer the nonprofit organization has, within the prior three years, been convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against the owner, or has had commenced any form of parole or probation, including probation before judgment, for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local public transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust or procurement statutes or

commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

___ 9. The Applicant has not and will not apply for or receive any other grant through or under the Program. The Applicant agrees that if a second award is issued for its business or organization, then one or both awards will be voidable at the discretion of LAACCF and/or Lendistry, as applicable.

___ 10. The undersigned, on behalf of the Applicant, hereby authorizes LAACCF and its designated authorized representatives, including without limitation Lendistry, to request access to, and to review, the Applicant, the Applicant's tax return information and other information related to the Applicant and its owners that may be requested by such representatives, which may include an investigatory background check of the Applicant or its owners. The Applicant acknowledges that Lendistry will confirm the Applicant's eligibility for the Program and the eligible grant amount thereunder based, in part, on the tax and other documents provided by the Applicant, and LAACCF may rely on such confirmation and tax and other documents in making a grant to the Applicant. The Applicant further affirms that the tax return information provided in connection with the Program is identical to the tax return information submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. The Applicant understands, acknowledges and agrees that LAACCF and its authorized representatives, including without limitation Lendistry, may share such tax information and other documentation with local, state and federal authorized representatives, including without limitation for the purpose of compliance with federal, state, or local laws and regulations.

___ 11. All information provided by or on behalf of the Applicant, including without limitation the information contained in the Applicant's grant application submitted for the Program and any and all information provided in support of Applicant's application under the Program is and will be true and accurate in all material respects.

___ 12. The Applicant acknowledges that LAACCF and Lendistry are each relying upon the certifications made in this document in addition to any other certifications made by the Applicant in connection with its application for the Program. The Applicant further acknowledges and agrees that all certifications made by the Applicant in connection with the Program are made in good faith.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Applicant Business/Organization Name

Applicant Tax Identification Number

Applicant Business/Organization Address