

Summary of the JEDE Small Business Roundtable

June 9, 2020

Basic Outcomes

- ❖ 35+ individuals participated in the June 9, 2020, convening.
- ❖ Main discussion points included economic recovery strategies, small business challenges in accessing resources, state budget, and legislation.
- ❖ Follow-up actions were organized on several issues with stakeholders taking the lead.

Major Take Aways

- ❖ The coronavirus pandemic has laid bare the inequities of our society.
- ❖ Independent contractors need assistance in applying for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance funds. CAMEO, Women's Business Centers, and Invest in Women Entrepreneurs are engaging.
- ❖ Small businesses face challenges in accessing and getting payouts from insurance, especially true for losses associated with looting. CalAsian wants to dig deeper on this issue.
- ❖ Full funding for state technical and financial assistance programs is very important. There are concerns over the delay in funding consumer protections for small business financial activities.
- ❖ The language of the re-opening guidance makes it difficult to easily understand. Small businesses technical assistance centers continue to work with businesses on re-opening. More work needs to be done to get clarity, as not every business will have an opportunity to talk with a SBDC.