

DISASTERS
Hard phone calls
had to be made

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recession. Businesses that rely on social gatherings are still acutely impacted and the service industry still needs support going forward, Held said.

Demand for aid
outweighs supply

Business Oregon has administered several rounds of financial aid for businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Held's office most recently distributed funds in November, 2020 when they received \$20 million from the state.

He said his office opened an online portal for applications less than 24 hours after the program was approved. The portal was opened on a midweek afternoon and was

closed 22 minutes later after 2,400 businesses applied for over \$100 million in aid.

"We knew it would go quick, we did not know it would be that quick," Held said. "There were a lot of hard phone calls we had to make, unfortunately, saying that even if they got an application in that 22 minutes, they may not have received funding."

Team member Greg Price directs the small business development center (SBDC) at Columbia Gorge Community College. The SBDC is funded by Business Oregon and The U.S. Small Business Administration.

Because of its ties to the SBA, which administers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Price said his staff found themselves on the frontlines of COVID-19 financial relief from the jump.

Price said people have grown wary of taking on debt, even debt that will likely be

forgiven like EIDL and PPP loans. He said the EIDL program, which is decades-old and is geared toward natural disasters, is a good example of the issue with using debt as a vehicle for support.

"This can be dangerous because many businesses qualify who may not be able to service that debt," Price said. "It's a big risk that some have had to take."

Price said some businesses have utilized loans effectively, but others have taken on debt when they shouldn't have. He said the SBDC has worked with businesses to make sure they understand the debt-and-forgiveness aspect of aid programs.

Held said he hopes regulators will realize that taking on debt is not an option for many. He said he is concerned about how much money acutely impacted businesses have left.

"The need out there is real," Held said. "The pain employers are experiencing is legitimate and the hardship

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Michael Held, regional development officer for Business Oregon

workers are experiencing is heartbreaking."

Price said improvements could be made, but regulators find themselves in a lose-lose situation trying to balance health and public safety with stabilizing the economy.

"The core of the problem is that we can't loan or grant our way out of this," Price said. "This is really just a Band-Aid on a gunshot wound."

Price said "this is a scalpel problem which the federal government has no choice but to address with a shotgun." He said state money can be more precisely utilized, but states can't take on debt and money has to come

from departmental budgets or "rainy-day funds."

Held said the economic crisis and the health crisis caused by the pandemic are intrinsically related. He said Americans "should not expect a full economic recovery until the virus is contained and people feel safe to return to their lives."

"It's important for all of us to have some patience with each other," Held said. "It's hard seeing a neighbor lose their shirt, but it's also hard seeing a family member get sick with the virus."

Held said trends from summer and fall 2020 are now being translated into hard data showing who has been affected most economically.

He said all levels of government can now start thinking about how to support critically impacted sectors towards recovery.

Held said planning for recovery will likely begin during the first three-to-six months of 2021. He said internal discussions "in the pre-planning stage" have begun at Business Oregon, in economic development districts like MCEDD and in the governor's office.

Metta said MCEDD has received some CARES funding to work on economic recovery in the area and the district will be beginning an update on its regional development strategy in 2021.

Price said he thinks the region will be better prepared for the next unforeseen disaster, which he said is inevitably coming someday. He said stronger partnerships and new tools have been created, leaders have emerged, and investments in infrastructure and workforce have been made.

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