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Opportunity Stanislaus to Become Resource for Businesses at Risk Of Closing Or Needing Information in the Wake of COVID-19 Outbreak

Modesto, CA– Opportunity Stanislaus and Valley Sierra Small Business Development Center (SBDC) know that the outbreak and containment measures for COVID-19 are already impacting businesses negatively and as a result are working to become a comprehensive resource for those in need of assistance or answers.

At the center of the business assistance strategy is a website, www.CaBizRelief.org, which hosts information on all imaginable pain points for businesses during this crisis. The website offers information on: SBA Economic Injury Disaster loans, informational webinars, how to receive one-on-one no-cost business consulting and many other resources for businesses to stay up-to-date on the emergency guidelines in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic. “As soon as we opened yesterday, we received calls from businesses,” said David White, Chief Executive Officer of Opportunity Stanislaus, which hosts the Valley Sierra SBDC, “some businesses inquired about specific details on allowable operations while others sought out financial help – needing these funds as soon as possible to keep maintain their business operations and their staff. We are stepping up to be the agency that points businesses in the direction of vital information.”

White’s team plans to update the site continuously, relying on information from key regional, state, and federal sources. “Coordinated, accurate information is at a premium right now,” said White. “But businesses must have a resource they can trust during this difficult and confusing time and we are happy to help. If we don’t have the answers we will reach out to our network of leaders to get them.”

Both Opportunity Stanislaus and Valley Sierra SBDC are operating remotely per federal recommendations. Businesses in need of assistance will get fast response by contacting the Valley Sierra SBDC by phone (209) 422-6416 or e-mail: Info@ValleySierraSBDC.com. “Together we will get through this and I believe this is a community that has the potential to emerge stronger, our bond solidified by hard times. We encourage all businesses in need of assistance to contact us immediately.”

Valley Sierra SBDC is part of a statewide network that assists aspiring entrepreneurs & small business owners with no-cost consulting, trainings and resources.

Opportunity Stanislaus’ mission is to strengthen the regional economy by serving the needs of local business, attracting new high-quality business and jobs to the county, and engaging in initiatives that strengthen the quality of life for Stanislaus County citizens.