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Does the Stabilization Task Force and JEDC intend to release any statement to address those businesses that can be Federally defined as Socially and Economically Disadvantaged during the new round of sustainability grants? And how does the task force/JEDC address the immediate needs of those businesses defined as Socially/economically disadvantaged?

Can JEDC demonstrate that socially/economically businesses received any kind of consideration before or during the city emergency loan program that was rolled out earlier this year? What efforts are in place during this next distribution of CARES grants to ensure those businesses that meet the federal definitions of economically/socially disadvantaged are included?

It is my understanding that the emergency loan program roll out was about speed over fairness (expediency over equity) according to Mr. Holst's own words during a recent Finance Committee meeting which I attended via Zoom last month.

Chapter 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations Business Credit and Assistances reads:

§ 124.103

Who is socially disadvantaged?(a) *General.* Socially disadvantaged individuals are those who have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias within American society because of their identities as members of groups and without regard to their individual qualities. The social disadvantage must stem from circumstances beyond their control.(b) *Members of designated groups.* (1) There is a rebuttable presumption that the following individuals are socially disadvantaged: Black Americans; Hispanic Americans; Native Americans (Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, or enrolled members of a Federally or State recognized Indian Tribe); Asian Pacific Americans (persons with origins from Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Japan, China (including Hong Kong), Taiwan, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Vietnam, Korea, The Philippines, U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau), Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Samoa, Macao, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, or Nauru); Subcontinent Asian Americans (persons with origins from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands or Nepal); and members of other groups designated from time to time by SBA according to procedures set forth at paragraph (d) of this section. Being born in a country does not, by itself, suffice to make the birth country an individual's country of origin for purposes of being included within a designated group.

§ 124.104 Who is economically disadvantaged?

(a) *General.* Economically disadvantaged individuals are socially disadvantaged individuals whose ability to compete in the free enterprise system has been impaired

due to diminished capital and credit opportunities as compared to others in the [same or similar line of business](#) who are not socially disadvantaged.

Thank you and I look forward to the Task Force response to my inquiry.

Regards,

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