

# Business Disaster Recovery Assistance

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*Meeting the needs  
of the Business Community  
after Hurricane Irma*

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## **Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program**

This program provides a source of expedient cash flow to Florida small businesses that have been physically and/or economically impacted by the storm. These short-term, interest-free working capital loans, between \$1,000 and \$25,000, are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources. Applications will be accepted from qualified Florida small businesses under this program through Oct. 31, 2017, contingent on the availability of funds. To apply for a Bridge Loan, contact your local Florida SBDC at USF office. Locations at [SBDCTampaBay.com/locations](http://SBDCTampaBay.com/locations).

## **Business Physical Disaster Loan Program**

Business Physical Disaster Loans are low-interest loans intended to help repair or replace disaster-damaged property up to \$2 million, including real estate, equipment, inventory and machinery. The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is November 9, 2017.

## **Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program**

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides working capital loans up to \$2 million to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, nonprofit organizations meet financial obligations and operating expenses through the disaster recovery period. The deadline to return economic injury applications is June 11, 2018

## **To Apply for Physical and Economic Injury Loans**

1. Register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), or call 1-800-621-3362. Upon registration with FEMA, businesses may apply for a disaster loan a number of ways:

- Visit the Business Disaster Recovery Center to meet with a representative
- Submit an online application at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>;
- Download an application at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster) and submit to the Disaster Recovery Center or by mail to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.