

We hope that you are safe and secure after Hurricane Irma. We realize that businesses may be impacted by the storm and want to connect you to resources to aid in recovery.

Small businesses that have incurred losses due to Hurricane Irma are asked to complete a Business Damage Assessment Survey to help the State Emergency Response Team determine the needs and level of assistance for impacted businesses. The survey can be found at www.flvbeoc.org.

Resources Available

The **Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program**, administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in partnership with the Florida SBDC Network and Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (FFCFC), is available to help businesses bridge the gap between the time damage is incurred and when a business secures other financial resources, including payment of insurance claims or longer-term Small Business Administration loans. Up to \$10 million has been allocated for the program. Businesses can go to www.floridadisasterloan.org for more information and to apply.

Homeowners, renters and business owners in **Brevard, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia** counties may now apply for federal disaster assistance for uninsured and underinsured damage and losses resulting from Hurricane Irma.

Businesses must first register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at www.disasterassistance.gov, or by mobile device at m.fema.gov or call the toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362 (800-462-7585 TTY). Upon registration with FEMA, businesses may apply for a disaster loan a number of ways:

- Submit an online application at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>;
- Download an application from www.sba.gov/disaster and submit to a SBA disaster recovery center or mail to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155;
- Visit a SBA recovery center for one-on-one assistance; or
- Visit their local [Florida SBDC](#) for assistance.

If your business is in position to help others and you would like us to communicate your capability, please let us know.

We hope that you will call on us without hesitation if we can help you get back to business as usual.



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