



Disaster Field Operations Center East

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Sixty Days Left to Apply: June 29 is Deadline for Small Businesses to Apply for SBA Working Capital Disaster Loans Due to Hurricane Ian

ATLANTA – The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) encourages small businesses in **Florida** with economic losses due to Hurricane Ian that occurred from Sept. 23 through Nov. 4, 2022, to apply for working capital disaster loans before the **June 29** deadline.

Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and private nonprofit organizations in the following counties are eligible to apply: Alachua, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Clay, Collier, DeSoto, Duval, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Saint Johns, Saint Lucie, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia.

“To serve the economic interest of the community, we have an extended application timeframe of nine months which enables businesses to assess the effects of the disaster before applying for working capital loans. As the June 29 deadline is approaching, we urge potential applicants to take action right away,” said Kem Fleming, director of SBA Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

The SBA Business Recovery Center is operating as indicated below until further notice:

SBA Business Recovery Center

Hillsborough County

Chloe Coney Urban Enterprise Center

[1907 E. Hillsborough Ave.](#)

Tampa, FL 33610

Hours: Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the SBA has established protocols to help protect the health and safety of the public. All visitors to the DLOC are encouraged to wear a face mask.

These federal [Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(EIDLs\)](#) are for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the business did not suffer any physical damage.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of **3.04** percent for small businesses and **1.875** percent for private nonprofit organizations, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines

eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/ela/s/ and should apply under SBA declaration # **17645**.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services), or by sending an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's website at sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 29, 2023**.

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About the U.S. Small Business Administration

Recently, U.S. SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman [announced a policy change](#) granting 12 months of no payments and 0 percent interest. This policy change will benefit disaster survivors and help them to decrease the overall cost of recovery by reducing the amount of accrued interest they must repay. Details are available through the SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. Individuals with verbal or hearing impairments may dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Monday to Friday, or email: DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

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