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*Loans for Businesses of All Sizes, Homeowners and Renters*

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## **SBA Approves Over \$5 Million Disaster Loans in Florida; Businesses, Nonprofits, Homeowners and Renters Are Encouraged to Apply**

**ATLANTA** – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced that over **\$5 million** in low-interest disaster loans have been approved for Florida businesses and residents affected by Hurricane Irma that began on Sept. 4, 2017 in **Florida**.

“Currently, 108 disaster loans have been approved in the amount of \$5,569,900 for affected survivors. The SBA encourages anyone who has not applied to take action right away. Our mission is to help businesses and residents rebuild and resume their normal lives as quickly as possible,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

The disaster declaration covers the counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, Saint Johns, Saint Lucie, Sumter, Suwannee, Union, and Volusia in **Florida** which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Hamilton, Madison and Taylor in **Florida**; Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols and Ware in **Georgia**.

SBA disaster loans are available to businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters to cover uninsured losses from the disaster. Interest rates are as low as 3.305 percent for businesses, 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations, and 1.75 percent for homeowners and renters. Loan terms can be up to 30 years.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or on the FEMA mobile App. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711 or Video Relay Services may also call 800-621-3362. People who use TTY may call 800-462-7585.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

Loan applications can be downloaded from [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Completed applications can be returned to a recovery center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to submit applications for physical property damage is **Nov. 9, 2017**. The deadline for economic injury applications is **June 11, 2018**.

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*For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster)*