



Disaster Field Operations Center East

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SBA Extends Deadline to Jan. 12 for Florida Businesses and Residents to Apply for Physical Disaster Loans for Hurricane Ian

ATLANTA – The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) announced today it will extend its deadline to **Jan. 12** to give Florida businesses and residents more time to apply for federal disaster loans for physical damages that occurred from Sept. 23 through Nov. 4 due to Hurricane Ian.

The disaster declaration includes the **Florida** counties of Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Saint Johns, Sarasota, Seminole and Volusia, 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 (EIDLs): Alachua, Bradford, Broward, Clay, Duval, Hernando, Indian River, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Saint Lucie and Sumter.

SBA is operating the following Business Recovery Centers:

<p>SBA Business Recovery Center <u>Collier County</u></p> <p>The Naples Players 701 5th Avenue South Naples, FL 34102</p> <p>Hours: Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thanksgiving holiday hours: Closed Thursday, Nov. 24-Saturday, Nov. 26</p>	<p>SBA Business Recovery Center <u>Hillsborough County</u></p> <p>Chloe Coney Urban Enterprise Center 1907 E. Hillsborough Ave. Tampa, FL 33610</p> <p>Hours: Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thanksgiving holiday hours: Closed Thursday, Nov. 24-Saturday, Nov. 26</p>
<p>SBA Business Recovery Center <u>Lee County</u></p> <p>The Hub at SWFL, Inc. 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive Bonita Springs, FL 34135</p> <p>Hours: Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thanksgiving holiday hours: Closed Thursday, Nov. 24-Saturday, Nov. 26</p>	<p>SBA Business Recovery Center <u>Lee County</u></p> <p>Kiwanis Club of Cape Coral 360 Santa Barbara Blvd. S. Cape Coral FL 33991</p> <p>Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed: Friday and Saturday Thanksgiving holiday hours: Closed Thursday, Nov. 24</p>

<p>SBA Business Recovery Center <u>Sarasota County</u></p> <p>Venice Community Center <u>326 Nokomis Ave. South</u> Venice, FL 34285</p> <p>Hours: Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thanksgiving holiday hours: Closed Thursday, Nov. 24-Saturday, Nov. 26</p>	<p>SBA Business Recovery Center <u>Seminole County</u></p> <p>Sanford Information Center <u>230 E. First St.</u> Sanford, FL 32771</p> <p>Hours: Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thanksgiving holiday hours: Closed Thursday, Nov. 24-Saturday, Nov. 26</p>
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SBA Customer Service Representatives are available at the Business Recovery Centers to answer questions about the disaster loan program and assist business owners in completing their applications or applying for reconsideration. 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 BRCs are encouraged to wear a face mask.

Interest rates are as low as **3.04** for businesses, **1.875** percent for nonprofit organizations, and **2.188** percent for homeowners and renters, with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/> and should apply under SBA declaration # **17644**.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at DisasterAssistance.gov or download 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-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Disaster loan information and application forms can 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 sending an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded from 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 filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Jan. 12, 2023**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 29, 2023**.

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