



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

# DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Businesses ■ Homeowners ■ Renters ■ Nonprofits

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## U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience (DDR&R)

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience is to connect individuals, businesses, and private non-profits with SBA disaster assistance programs and improve disaster recovery outcomes and economic resilience by helping communities prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against disasters of all types.



# Disaster Preparedness

- Disasters can take many forms and the financial cost of rebuilding after a disaster can be overwhelming. If you're prepared for emergencies, you'll be in a better position to recover and continue operations should a disaster strike.
- Be prepared: Access Your Risk: Knowing which disasters are most likely to affect your business can help you to return to operations faster. A back-to-business self-assessment can help you to assess your risks for common hazards such as hurricanes, wildfires, flooding, or even cyberattacks.
- Create A Plan: Your response plan is your roadmap to recovery, so it should be tailored to your business's specific needs and operations. It should address immediate priorities and be easy to access. Checklists and online toolkits are effective resources to help you develop your plan. Consider the following:
  - The [IRS guide on preparing your business](#) for a disaster
  - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [emergency preparedness checklist and toolkit](#)
- Focus on disasters that pose a realistic risk to your small business. SBA has resources to lesson the financial impact of disasters and reopen your business quickly [sba.gov/prepare](https://www.sba.gov/prepare)

# Disaster Preparedness

- Execute A Plan: Practice your plan with your staff so you're ready when a disaster occurs.
- Get Financial Assistance After A disaster: You may be eligible for a low-interest disaster recovery loan through the SBA for damaged and destroyed assets in a declared disaster. These include repair and replacement costs for real estate, personal property, machinery, equipment, inventory, and business assets
- Physical Damage Loan, Economic Injury Disaster Loan
- Advice & Training: Visit [ready.gov/business](https://ready.gov/business) or contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov)
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.
- FEMA's [Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs \(OPEN\)](#) is a self-guided training designed to teach small business owners and operators how to identify risks, locate resources, and take preparedness actions.
- Information can be found on [sba.gov/prepare](https://sba.gov/prepare)

# SBA Loan Requirements

## Requirements for loan approval:



- Eligibility – The business must have a physical presence in a declared county.



- Credit History - Applicants must have a credit history acceptable to SBA.



- Repayment – SBA must document the applicant has the ability to repay the loan and existing debts/obligations. (pre-existing loans okay)

Note: If the loan is declined or withdrawn, you have 6 months from the date of letter to provide additional information and request reconsideration.

# Types of SBA Disaster Loans, Loan Limits and Loan Terms

TYPES OF LOANS	BORROWERS	PURPOSE	MAX. AMOUNT
Business Loans	Businesses and private nonprofits	Repair or replace real estate, inventory, equipment, etc.	\$2 million *
Economic Injury Loans	Small businesses and private nonprofits	Working capital loans	\$2 million *
Home Loans	Homeowners	Repair or replace primary residence	\$200,000
Home Loans	Homeowners and renters	Repair or replace personal property	\$40,000
Mitigation (up to 2 years to apply)	Businesses, private nonprofits and homeowners.	Mitigate / prevent future loss of the same type	20% of verified physical damage.

\* The \$2,000,000 statutory limit for business loans applies to the combination of physical, economic injury, mitigation and refinancing, and applies to all disaster loans to a business and its affiliates for each disaster. If a business is a major source of employment, SBA has the authority to waive the \$2,000,000 statutory limit.

# Why Apply For An SBA Disaster Loan?

- Low interest rates
- 2.375% Home & Nonprofit
- 4.000% Business
- 0% interest and no payment for 12 months**
- No cost to apply**
- No closing costs
- No prepayment penalty
- Funds available even if insurance has not settled**



- Flexible terms (up to 30 years)
- May apply for mitigation funds**  
*20% of total damage for mitigation*
- Loan can be modified
- No obligation to take the loan if approved**
- No collateral for loans under \$25k**

<https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/article/FAQ>

# SBA Disaster Loan Deadlines In Broward County

## Physical Damage Deadlines (businesses, homeowners, renters):

- ❑ Severe Storms, Tornadoes, & Flooding **June 26, 2023**

## Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Deadlines (Businesses & Non-Profits):

- ❑ Severe Storms, Tornadoes, & Flooding **January 29, 2024**

**EIDL:** Low-interest direct loans to small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations. Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. **Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.**





## Grace Period/ Late Filing

**There is a two-week grace period for survivors to submit an SBA application. After the 15th day survivors must provide a justification as to why they missed the initial deadline.**

**SBA Processing and Disbursement Center (PDC) will review justification and notify the applicant in writing if the justification was accepted.**

# Broward County EIDL Interest Rates/ Loan Limits

- Substantial economic injury means the business is unable to meet its obligations and pay its ordinary and necessary operating expenses
- EIDL provides the necessary working capital and normal expenses such as health care benefits, rent, utilities, and fixed debt payments to help small businesses impacted by a disaster survive until normal operations resume
- EIDL assistance is available only to small businesses when SBA determines they are unable to obtain credit elsewhere
- Businesses & nonprofits can qualify for Physical Damage & EIDL
- Nonprofits have a loan limit up to \$2 Million, interest rates are 2.75%

# Private Non-Profit Organizations

- Eligible PNP organizations in Broward County, Florida may apply under declaration #17903
- Churches, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges
- PNP organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets
- PNP loan interest rate is 2.375 percent, with terms up to 30 years
- a private non-profit facility which provides non-critical services of a governmental nature must first apply for disaster assistance from SBA, and exhaust SBA loan assistance, or be declined by SBA before it can seek grant assistance for permanent repairs and/or replacements from the FEMA
- PNPs which provide services of a governmental nature and are deemed critical may apply directly to FEMA for uninsured disaster-related expenses and/or disaster-related damages to the facility

# Private Non-Profit Organizations

For additional information contact

SBA at 1-800- 659-2955

OR

FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA



# SBA Resource Partners

## SBA's Resource Partners can help businesses:

- Prepare financial statements and applying for an SBA disaster loan
- Successfully stay in business.
- Develop business models and marketing plans.
- Consider alternative funding sources.
- Identify ways to reduce costs.
- Technical training.
- Government contracting
- Update management and technical services.

Locate an SBA office near you:

<https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance>



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# What Is The Process To Apply?

- Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela>
- Applicants may speak with SBA customer service today to ask application questions, obtain application updates, and to submit information
- You can call SBA's Customer Service Center at **(800) 659-2955** or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial **7-1-1** to access telecommunications relay services.
- Completed paper applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, **Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.**



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