

HURRICANE IRMA DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAMS

FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY BRIDGE LOAN PROGRAM

- ▶ The bridge loan program supports businesses impacted by Hurricane Irma by providing short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced physical or economic damage during the storm. The program bridges the gap between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance.
- ▶ Applications must be completed by Oct. 31, 2017; apply at www.floridadisasterloan.org.
- ▶ For more information, contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network at 850-898-3489 or email Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org.
- ▶ Businesses can also complete a damage assessment survey in the Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center at http://flvbeoc.org/index.php?action=bda_list. Click on Hurricane Irma.

DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- ▶ The Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Program provides assistance to businesses and residents whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a result of Hurricane Irma.
- ▶ Workers can apply if they worked or were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment and are not able to work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster.
- ▶ The deadline for Florida residents to apply is Monday, October 16, 2017.
- ▶ For information on DUA and instructions on how to apply online, visit www.floridajobs.org or call 1-800-204-2418 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. To apply for DUA by phone, call the Florida Disaster Unemployment Assistance Line at 1-800-385-3920.

DISASTER DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM

- ▶ Dislocated Workers Grants are awarded for temporary employment to workers affected by major dislocations, including natural disasters.
- ▶ Disaster relief employment can be in the form of temporary jobs to address structural and humanitarian needs of residents of an area that have suffered a federally-declared emergency or major disaster.
- ▶ Disaster relief employment is restricted to projects that provide food, clothing, shelter and other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims and projects that involve demolition, cleaning, repair, renovation and reconstruction of damaged structures and facilities.
- ▶ Individuals who qualify for disaster relief employment are people who are temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the disaster, dislocated workers, and individuals who are long-term unemployed.
- ▶ For information regarding National Dislocated Worker Grants, visit your local CareerSource Center at www.careersourceflorida.com/your-local-team.



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