



# DISASTER NEWS

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

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## SBA Opens Six Business Recovery Centers in Florida To Assist with Hurricane Irma Recovery

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the opening of six Business Recovery Centers (BRCs) in Florida on Oct. 2, to help businesses impacted by Hurricane Irma that began on Sept. 4, 2017.

SBA representatives in the Centers can provide information about disaster loans, answer questions and assist businesses in completing the SBA application. The Centers are located as indicated below and will operate until further notice.

<b>SBA Business Recovery Centers (BRCs)</b>	
<b>Opens at 9 a.m. on Oct. 2</b>	
<b>Hours: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday - Saturday</b>	
<b>Highlands County</b>	<b>Hillsborough County</b>
Bert J. Morris Agricultural Center	Hillsborough Community College at The Regent
<a href="#">4509 West George Blvd.</a>	<a href="#">6437 Watson Road</a>
Sebring, FL 33875	Riverview, FL 33578
<b>Lee County</b>	<b>Miami-Dade County</b>
Bonita Springs Recreation Center	Miami-Dade College Kendall Campus
<a href="#">26740 Pine Avenue</a>	<a href="#">11011 SW 104th Street, Building K</a>
Bonita Springs, FL 34135	Miami, FL 33176
<b>Palm Beach County</b>	<b>St. Johns County</b>
Carol Sims Center	Wind Mitigation Building
<a href="#">225 NW 12th Avenue</a>	<a href="#">3111 Agricultural Center Drive</a>
Boynton Beach, FL 33435	St. Augustine, FL 32092

“The SBA is committed to facilitating economic recovery in this disaster. We want area businesses to have a resource where they can meet individually with SBA representatives and find out how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

The SBA offers low-interest, long-term disaster loans for physical damage and working capital. To be considered for this assistance, survivors need to apply by the deadline.

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.

Additional information on the disaster loan program may be obtained by calling 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). Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Loan applications can be downloaded from [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov). Completed applications should 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. For more information about SBA recovery assistance, visit [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Nov. 9, 2017**. The deadline to return 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)*