

# Hurricane Michael (DR-4399-FL)

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## Disaster Unemployment Assistance

**The deadline for Florida residents to apply is December 7, 2018.**

Disaster unemployment assistance is available to residents of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, Wakulla or Washington counties and who lost income as a direct result of Hurricane Michael. Workers can apply if they worked, 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.

To file a DUA claim, go to [www.FloridaJobs.org](http://www.FloridaJobs.org) or call 800-385-3920. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 8a.m. to 3p.m. Eastern Standard Time to assist claimants. For DUA claim information, call 800-204-2418 and select the "speak to an agent" option to speak to a customer service representative.



## Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program

The Bridge Loan Program supports businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael 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 Dec. 7, 2018; apply at [www.floridadisasterloan.org](http://www.floridadisasterloan.org).**

For more information, contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network at 866-737-7232 or email [Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org](mailto:Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org).

Businesses can also complete a damage assessment survey at <https://floridadisaster.biz/BusinessDamageAssessments> and select 2018 Michael.



## Federal Business Assistance Programs

Disaster assistance may be available through other federal agencies to businesses for damaged business property or economic losses as a direct result of a presidentially declared disaster. Farmers and ranchers in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, Wakulla, and Washington counties may be eligible.

The USDA Farm Service Agency make low-interest disaster loans to provide working capital and to repair or replace damaged property not covered by insurance. For more information and county meeting dates, log onto <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Florida/index>.

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers low-interest disaster loans up to \$2 million to businesses of any size and private nonprofits to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans from SBA may help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and nonprofits to meet working-capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available all the designated counties and contiguous counties regardless of the business's property damage.

Apply for an SBA loan online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Or apply in person at any FEMA disaster recovery center and receive personal, one-on-one help from an SBA representative. For more information or to find a center near you, visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster) or call SBA at (800) 659-2955. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.



## How You Can Help: Long Term Housing Options

FEMA and the State of Florida are working to identify all available rental units and other resources for housing.

Property owners may register with the state at

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/beb1d86dc4054bf78c04514980c940d1> and must register with the [System for Award Management](#) (SAM), and the [Data Universal Numbering System](#) (DUNS) to do business with FEMA.

To be considered, properties must be habitable and vacant. Properties considered include:

- o Condominiums
- o RV parks with available pads
- o Commercial Mobile Home parks with available pads
- o Vacation rentals that are habitable
- o Land (available with a minimum of 50 acres, preferably with infrastructure)
- o State Parks with available vacant pads (preferably with the capability for utilities)



## Doing Business with the State of Florida and FEMA

### *How to do business with the State of Florida*

The [Department of Management Services/Florida Emergency Supplier Network \(FESN\)](#) collects and organizes supplier information and makes it accessible to state and local purchasing professionals during emergencies.

Registered users with [FloridaDisaster.biz](http://FloridaDisaster.biz) can use the resource sharing tool, where businesses can identify their available resources (for donation or for purchase) and that information can be utilized by responders, nonprofits and other businesses throughout the state.

## How to do business with FEMA

During times of disaster, many companies want to do business with FEMA or other federal agencies. If you are seeking to do business with FEMA in support of disaster response or recovery, please be aware that in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Act, FEMA's goal is to seek local companies and businesses within the disaster area for goods and services whenever practical and feasible.

The [FEMA Industry Liaison Program](#) establishes strategic relationships with suppliers and stakeholders, and connects suppliers with program offices in support of FEMA's mission. The program ensures information about your company's products or services are routed to the appropriate program office. They can be reached at [FEMA-Industry@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Industry@fema.dhs.gov) or 202-646-1895.

FEMA [Small Business Program](#) (SBP) office actively engages with FEMA's procurement personnel to ensure that small businesses have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in contracts. FEMA's SBP's mission is to assist small businesses in their pursuit of federal procurements and continuous learning of small business programs to include policies and procedures that affect small business federal contracting.

Businesses should also register with GSA's Federal Business Opportunities web portal at <https://www.fbo.gov> to gain access to opportunity announcements.

## The Disaster Contractor's Network

If you are a building professional, you may also wish to register with the [Disaster Contractor's Network](#).



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