



Disaster Recovery Loans for Florida Small Businesses

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If your business is located in a declared disaster area, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the State of Florida or U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Quick Facts:



Loan Program:	Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan	U.S. SBA Business Physical Disaster Loan	U.S. SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)
Purpose:	Physical & Revenue Loss	Physical Loss	Revenue Loss
Loan Amount (Max):	\$100,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Area:	All Federal and State Disaster Declared Counties	SBA Primary Disaster Declared Counties Only	SBA Primary and Contiguous Disaster Declared Counties
Loan Term:	1 Year	Up to 30 Years	Up to 30 Years
Interest Rate:	0%	3.675%	3.675%
Collateral:	No	Yes	Yes
Application Deadline:	December 7, 2018	December 10, 2018	July 11, 2019

What types of business disaster loans are available?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#) – Working capital loans intended to “bridge the gap” between the time of a major catastrophe and when a business has secured long-term recovery resources, e.g. receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance.

[U.S. SBA Business Physical Disaster Loans](#) – Loans to small businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible.

[U.S. Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(EIDL\)](#) – Working capital loans to help small businesses of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the declared disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.

What are the business disaster loan amount limits?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): Program requirements limit loans to \$25,000 per business with fewer than two employees, including non-employer businesses, and \$50,000 per business with two (2) to 100 employees. In special circumstances, businesses with two (2) to 100 employees may receive up to \$100,000 when the business can demonstrate just cause.

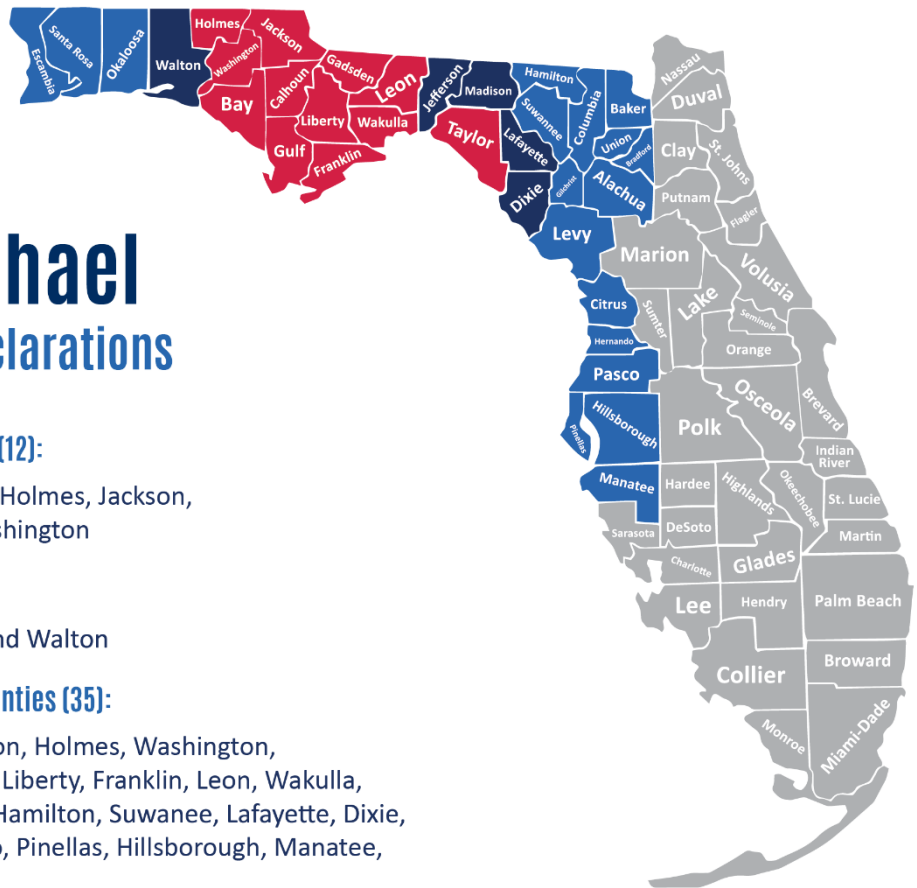
U.S. SBA Business Physical Disaster Loans – The law limits business loans to \$2,000,000 for the repair or replacement of real estate, inventories, machinery, equipment and all other physical losses. Subject to this maximum, loan amounts cannot exceed the verified uninsured disaster loss.

U.S. SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) – The law limits EIDLs to \$2,000,000 for alleviating economic injury caused by the disaster. The actual amount of each loan is limited to the economic injury determined by SBA, less business interruption insurance and other recoveries up to the administrative lending limit. EIDL assistance is available only to entities and their owners who cannot provide for their own recovery from non-government sources, as determined by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

SPECIAL NOTE -- U.S. SBA Disaster Business Loan Ceiling – 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.

Where must a business be located to qualify for a disaster loan?

Loans are available to qualified businesses within a state or federal designated county.



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State & SBA Disaster Declarations

SBA Designated Primary Counties (12):

Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, Wakulla, and Washington

SBA Contiguous Counties (5):

Dixie, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, and Walton

State Designated Counties (35):

Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Columbia, Hamilton, Suwanee, Lafayette, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Citrus, Pasco, Hernando, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Alachua, Union, Bradford, and Baker

What are the loan terms for business disaster loans?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): Loans must be paid in full within one (1) year of the promissory note.

U.S. SBA Disaster Loans: The law authorizes loan terms up to a maximum of 30 years. However, the law restricts businesses with credit available elsewhere to a maximum 7-year term. SBA sets the installment payment amount and corresponding maturity based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

Maximum Loan Terms	No Credit Available Elsewhere	Credit Available Elsewhere
Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans	1 Year (Max)	1 Year (Max)
U.S. SBA Business Physical Disaster Loans	30 Years (Max)	7 Years (Max)
U.S. SBA Business Economic Injury Loans	30 Years (Max)	7 Years (Max)

What are the interest rates for business disaster loans?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): Loans are interest free for the term of the loan (1 Year). The interest rate will be 12% per annum on the unpaid balance thereafter, until the loan balance is repaid in full.

U.S. SBA Disaster Loans: By law, the interest rates depend on whether each applicant has Credit Available Elsewhere. An applicant does not have Credit Available Elsewhere when SBA determines the applicant does not have sufficient funds or other resources, or the ability to borrow from non-government sources, to provide for its own disaster recovery. An applicant, whom SBA determines to have the ability to provide for his or her own recovery, is deemed to have Credit Available Elsewhere. Interest rates are fixed for the term of the loan.

Interest Rates	No Credit Available Elsewhere	Credit Available Elsewhere
Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans	0% (12% after 1 year)	0% (12% after 1 year)
U.S. SBA Business Physical Disaster Loans	3.675% (Fixed)	7.350% (Fixed)
U.S. SBA Business Economic Injury Loans	3.675% (Fixed)	N/A

What are the collateral requirements for business disaster loans?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): Loans are unsecured and do not require collateral.

U.S. SBA Disaster Loans: Collateral is required for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans over \$25,000. SBA takes real estate as collateral when it is available. SBA will not decline a loan for lack of collateral, but requires you to pledge what is available.

What are the credit requirements to qualify for a business disaster loan?

State and Federal disaster loans require that applicants have an acceptable credit history and demonstrate an ability to repay all loans. While credit score and credit history will be a factor in the credit making decision, the primary factor will be the ability of the applicant to demonstrate the ability to repay the loan per the loan agreement terms.

What restrictions are there on business disaster loan eligibility?

Applicants who have not complied with the terms of previous state or federal loans may not be eligible.

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): Applicants must be a for-profit, privately held small business located in a [state](#) designated disaster county that was established prior to the declaration.

U.S. SBA Disaster Loans: Only uninsured or otherwise uncompensated disaster losses are eligible. Any insurance proceeds which are required to be applied against outstanding mortgages are not available to fund disaster repairs and do not reduce loan eligibility. However, any insurance proceeds voluntarily applied to any outstanding mortgages do reduce loan eligibility. Certain property used for non-business purposes are not eligible.

Can business disaster loans be used for refinancing existing debt?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): Use of proceeds to pay off debts already incurred for qualifying business maintenance or restart purposes related to the declared disaster event may be authorized on a case-by-case basis.

[U.S. SBA Disaster Loans](#): Business owners may be eligible for the refinancing of existing mortgages or liens on real estate, machinery and equipment, up to the amount of the loan for the repair or replacement of real estate, machinery, and equipment.

What if I decide to relocate the business to another location?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): Use of proceeds to relocate the business may only be used to relocate the businesses within the state of Florida.

[U.S. SBA Disaster Loans](#): You may use your SBA disaster loan to relocate. The amount of the relocation loan depends on whether you relocate voluntarily or involuntarily. If you are interested in relocation, an SBA representative can provide you with more details on your specific situation.

Are there insurance requirements for business disaster loans?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): There are no insurance requirements for bridge loans.

[U.S. SBA Disaster Loans](#): To protect each borrower and the Agency, SBA may require you to obtain and maintain appropriate insurance. By law, borrowers whose damaged or collateral property is located in a special flood hazard area must purchase and maintain flood insurance. SBA requires that flood insurance coverage be the lesser of:

- 1) the total of the disaster loan,
- 2) the insurable value of the property, or
- 3) the maximum insurance available.

Who can I contact for additional information about business disaster loans?

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans](#): Applicants may read more information and download the bridge loan application at www.FloridaDisasterLoan.org.

Applicants may also contact the Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network Headquarters at (866) 737-7232 or email Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org. DO NOTE EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION.

Completed Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans can be taken to your local SBDC office (www.FloridaSBDC.org/Locations), local Business Recovery Center (www.FloridaSBDC.org/Disaster) or mailed to: Florida SBDC Network Headquarters, Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Processing, 220 West Garden Street, Suite 301, Pensacola, FL 32502-5617

[U.S. SBA Disaster Loans](#): Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at DisasterLoan.SBA.gov.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155