



# Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief Resources

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## SBA Disaster Assistance

### *U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for Business Assistance*

- The SBA encourages applicants to [apply online](#) for needed disaster loan. Residents can also call SBA at [800-659-2955](#) or schedule an [in-person appointment](#) if they have any questions.
- Available disaster loans for NC constituents in effected counties:
  - [Home Disaster Loans](#): Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles
  - [Business Physical Disaster Loans](#): Loans to 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. Private, non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible
  - [Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(EIDL\)](#): Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period
- The SBA's [Hurricane Helene North Carolina](#) specific page also has several documents linked at the bottom that provide additional insight into loan details/specifics

## FEMA Disaster Assistance

### *FEMA for Individual Assistance (Best Starting Point)*

- There are several ways to apply: Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](#), use the [FEMA App](#), or call [800-621-3362](#) from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET daily. The telephone line is open every day and help is available in most languages
  - If using [DisasterAssistance.gov](#): clicking on the red “Let’s Get Started” button at the top of the page allows an individual to fill out a questionnaire about their specific needs. The lower portion of the page also includes links to [Red Cross shelters](#), [other shelters](#), [SBA resources](#) and how to contact your [local emergency management offices](#)
  - If using the [FEMA App](#): clicking “Apply for Individual Assistance” will redirect you to the same [DisasterAssistance.gov](#) page as above
  - If calling [800-621-3362](#): a FEMA representative will help you through the assistance process
- Notably, FEMA approved two new programs for use in North Carolina: Displacement Assistance (immediate housing up to 14 days) and Serious Needs Assistance (immediate financial assistance to replace and recover financial needs). FEMA may also be able to help with serious needs, displacement, temporary lodging, basic home repair costs, personal property loss or other disaster-caused needs
- FEMA has also approved the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program for certain portions of NC – under the TSA, FEMA pays the cost of room, taxes and non-refundable pet fees directly to participating hotels and motels. To locate participating hotels, visit [femaemergencyhotels.com](#) and enter your FEMA registration number, obtained when you applied for FEMA Individual Assistance



## Disaster Unemployment Assistance

### *North Carolina Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)*

- North Carolina [Disaster Unemployment Assistance](#) (DUA) benefits are now available in 25 counties as well as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- North Carolinians have 60 days from October 1 to file an application, the deadline to apply is December 2
- How to File a Disaster-Related Claim [brochure](#) provides step-by-step instructions to file a claim online (recommended)
- Can also call the Disaster Unemployment Assistance hotline (919)-629-3857 for help