



# HURRICANE MILTON BUSINESS RECOVERY RESOURCES



## Overview of City Response

**In response to Hurricane Milton, the City of Cape Coral acted swiftly after the storm:**

- First push crews successfully cleared roads for safe passage by 5:30 a.m. the day after the storm.
- Once safe conditions resumed, with sustained winds below 45 mph, public safety crews swiftly addressed and cleared all emergency calls within hours.
- To address power needs, an LCEC representative was stationed in the Cape Coral Emergency Operations Center to provide direct support and coordinate with the City. Prior to the storm, linemen were staged and ready to begin immediate power restoration efforts.
- The City of Cape Coral worked in close coordination with Lee County to ensure the rapid restoration of traffic signals throughout the City of Cape Coral. Thanks to this collaborative effort all traffic lights across the city were fully operational within 48 hours of the storm.
- City staff quickly assessed storm damage for 136,479 structures, covering 99% of all buildings, within 72 hours of the storm.

**IF YOU EXPERIENCED WATER INTRUSION OR WIND DAMAGE, PLEASE EMAIL: [FLOOD@CAPECORAL.GOV](mailto:FLOOD@CAPECORAL.GOV)**

## Business Emergency Coordination Center (BECC)

The City of Cape Coral's Emergency Operations, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral, has launched (BECC) to enhance communication with local businesses and residents.

### Submit Your Business Status Report:

Provide updates on whether your business is open or closed, and report any business impact or damage.



### Additional Resources

Free, unlimited Wi-Fi access points in Florida.

Spectrum: <https://bit.ly/4077t66>

Xfinity: <https://bit.ly/3Nq5bY7>

## Financial Assistance

### Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program

\$50 Million made available for small businesses impacted by Hurricane Milton.

Businesses can apply for \$50,000 as a short-term, zero-interest working capital loan intended to "bridge the gap" from the time of disaster until long term funding has been secured.

Open to Florida small business owners, including sole proprietors.



Apply by December 4, 2024.

Visit [FloridaJobs.org/EBL](https://FloridaJobs.org/EBL) to apply



## SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

The SBDC helps small businesses grow and succeed through expert guidance and resources. Our Cape Coral SBDC office is fully operational and ready to assist with disaster loan applications and guidance as you and your business recovers.



### No - Cost Business Consultations:

- Appointments from 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday-Friday.
- Assistance available for walk-in consultations 9am -4 pm Week of Oct 14th only.

### To make an appointment, fill out request for consulting at:

<https://floridasbdc.org/request-for-consulting/> or scan the QR code.



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<https://fsbdcswfl.org/>

## DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (DUA) FOR HURRICANE MILTON

This program supports those whose employment or self-employment was disrupted by the hurricane and who do not qualify for regular state or federal Reemployment Assistance.



You may qualify for DUA if you are unemployed due to the disaster, unable to start a job, cannot reach work due to travel restrictions, became the primary breadwinner after a household member's death, or are injured due to the disaster.

### Application Information:

DUA is available for weeks of unemployment beginning October 6, 2024, through April 12, 2025, as long as the individual's unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster in the designated disaster areas. Claims by December 10, 2024.

- Visit [FloridaJobs.org](https://floridajobs.org) to file a claim or Visit a local CareerSource Career Center.
- Call 1-800-385-3920 for assistance or 1-833-FL-APPLY (1-833-352-7759)



## U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SBA ECONOMIC INJURY AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE LOAN

Terms of the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Physical Disaster Loan include no payments for 12 months, no interest accrual for first 12 months, and an interest rate not to exceed 4%.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3YbsmdA>

