

Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce

Your Advocate

Hurricane Florence Assistance for Businesses

The following resources are available on the Home page of the Chamber:

[www.lumbertonchamber.com](http://www.lumbertonchamber.com).

### **SBA Loans**

Businesses in Robeson and the surrounding counties are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from SBA. Your local Robeson County office is located at Robeson Community College Workforce Development Center Call Cindy King 571-459-6602.

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- Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in agriculture, 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.

Home Disaster Loans-Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles.

Federal Disaster Assistance- Apply for more than 70 forms of disaster assistance from 17 federal agencies at [Disasterassistance.gov](http://Disasterassistance.gov).

### **Other Important Information**

**SBTDC** provides free business recovery assistance to: Access the financial impact on your business, Reconstruct financial statements, Develop strategies for your recovery, Evaluate options with creditors, Prepare your Rapid Recovery loan or SBA disaster loan application. Call Thomas Entrepreneurship Hub at 775-4007 or Visit [www.sbtcd.org/hurricane\\_florence](http://www.sbtcd.org/hurricane_florence) or Call 800-228-8433

Hurricane Florence Rapid Recovery Loans (Bridge Gap) – Applicants must be a North Carolina Small Business affected by Hurricane Florence. For more information call Bob Moore, Director of Small Business at Robeson Community College 910-272-3631.

Unemployment Benefits-Those who have lost their income due to storm-related reasons are eligible to register to receive unemployment benefits through the North Carolina Division of Employment Security. Call 1-866-795-8877 between 8 am to 5 pm. Please apply by October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.