

# Disaster Response Programs for Businesses

### STATE OF FLORIDA

Hurricane Helene has had a dramatic impact on numerous communities along Florida's Gulf Coast and into the Southeastern United States. In an effort to assist hotel and resort owners and operators, The Plasencia Group has compiled a list of State and Federal programs and resources providing hurricane-related aid. If any of us at The Plasencia Group may be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:info@tpghotels.com">info@tpghotels.com</a>.

#### **State of Florida Resources**

	PHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE
Short-Time Compensation (STC) Program for Employers  Designed to help employers maintain their staff by reducing the weekly working hours during temporary slowdowns instead of temporarily laying off employees.	(850) 921-3253	floridajobs.org
<b>Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)</b> DUA is available to Florida businesses and residents whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a direct result of Hurricane Helene.	(800) 204-2418	floridajobs.org
Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) A database for businesses connecting them with experienced professionals, service providers, and government agencies.	(850) 898-3479	floridas bdc.org
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Supports and promotes Florida agriculture, protects the environment, safeguards consumers, and ensures the safety and wholesomeness of food.	(800) 435-7352	fdacs.gov
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Protects and restores water quality and supply, provides funding assistance for water restoration and infrastructure projects, as well as coordinates the protection of Florida's submerged lands and coastal areas.	(850) 245-2118	floridadep.org
Florida Department of Financial Services (FLDFS) Manages the financial responsibilities for the State of Florida	(850) 922-3132	myfloridacfo.com
MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) Vendor Resources The state's online procurement system, providing a web-based program for state agencies and vendors to exchange products and services.	-	dms.myflorida.com
The Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) Helps to improve business opportunities for Florida-based woman-, veteran-, and minority-owned small businesses.	-	dms.myflorida.com
Florida Department of Revenue (DOR)  The Florida Department of Revenue will waive penalties and interest during the period of emergency for impacted taxpayers who are unable to file returns and/or make payment of taxes on time.	(800) 352-3671	floridarevenue.com
Visit Florida The complimentary Cover Your Event (CYE) Insurance covers any cost directly related to re-booking a meeting should it be displaced due to a named hurricane/disaster.	(850) 205-3800	visitflorida.org

## **Federal Resources**

	PHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) A toll-free number has been established by FEMA for disaster victims to apply for certain types of disaster programs and obtain information about others.	(800) 621-3362	fema.gov
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disaster.	(800) 659-2955	<u>sba.gov</u>
Physical Disaster Loans Businesses of all sizes may apply for a Physical Disaster Loan of up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged real estate, equipment, inventory and fixtures. These loans will cover uninsured or under-insured losses.	(800) 659-2955	<u>sba.gov</u>
Internal Revenue Service (IRS) IRS will waive tax penalties on a case-by-case basis.	(800) 829-1040	<u>irs.gov</u>



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In 1993, The Plasencia Group was formed to provide hotel and resort owners investment advisory services at a personal level. Over thirty-one years and hundreds of engagements later, we still have the privilege of making our clients successful with the passion, access, and certainty they've come to expect. Our firm offers investment sales, asset management, development and renovation management, debt and equity sourcing, and advisory services to hotel and resort owners throughout North America.

Contact us today if our experienced advisory team can assist you in evaluating your current portfolio and strategizing for the future. We look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

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