



## Disaster Field Operations Center East

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### SBA Business Recovery Centers in New Jersey Close for Veterans Day

**ATLANTA** –The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) announced today that in observance of Veterans Day, the SBA Business Recovery Centers in New Jersey will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 and will resume operations on Friday, Nov. 12 at 8 a.m. SBA established the Centers for businesses and nonprofit organizations in any of the declared New Jersey counties to apply for low-interest disaster loans for damages caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ida on Sept. 1-3, 2021.

Businesses and residents can meet with SBA representatives one-to-one to get answers to their questions and help with submitting loan applications.

The SBA’s Business Recovery Centers are open as indicated below until further notice:

<p><b><u>Bergen County</u></b>  Bergen Community College  Phillip Ciarco Jr. Learning Center  <a href="#">355 Main Street</a>  Hackensack, NJ 07652</p> <p><b>Hours:</b> Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  <b>Closed:</b> Weekends  <b>Closed:</b> Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021</p>	<p><b><u>Somerset County</u></b>  Somerset County Business Partnership Building  <a href="#">360 Grove Street</a>  Bridgewater, NJ 08807</p> <p><b>Hours:</b> Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  <b>Closed:</b> Weekends  <b>Closed:</b> Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021</p>
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Customer Service Representatives are available at the BRCs to answer questions about the disaster loan program and assist business owners in completing their applications. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the SBA has established protocols to help protect the health and safety of the public. All visitors to the Centers are encouraged to wear a face mask.

Homeowners and renters may meet with an SBA Customer Service Representative at any FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to get answers to their questions and assistance in applying for a disaster loan. Business owners unable to go to a Business Recovery Center may also visit SBA at the DRCs.

Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to businesses, nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters in Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union and Warren counties in **New Jersey**. Economic Injury Disaster Loans only are available to small businesses and most nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Monmouth, Salem, and Sussex in **New Jersey**; New Castle in **Delaware**; Bronx, New York, Orange, Rockland and Westchester in **New York**; and Bucks, Delaware, Monroe, Northampton and Philadelphia in **Pennsylvania**.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) or download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/ela/s/> and should apply under SBA declaration # 17143, not for the COVID 19 incident.

Businesses and individuals may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or emailing [DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov). Loan applications can also be downloaded at [sba.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster). Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Dec. 6, 2021**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 6, 2022**.

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