

HURRICANE MICHAEL RECOVERY



DISASTER DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM

- ▶ National Dislocated Worker Grants are awarded for temporary employment to workers affected by major dislocations, including natural disasters.
- ▶ Disaster relief employment can be in the form of temporary jobs to address structural and humanitarian needs of residents of an area that has suffered a federally declared emergency or major disaster.
- ▶ Disaster relief employment is restricted to projects that provide food, clothing, shelter and other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims and projects that involve demolition, cleaning, repair, renovation and reconstruction of damaged structures and facilities.
- ▶ Individuals who qualify for disaster relief employment are people who are temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the disaster, dislocated workers and individuals who are long-term unemployed.
- ▶ For information regarding National Dislocated Worker Grants, visit your local career center at www.careersourceflorida.com/your-local-team.

DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- ▶ Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is available to Florida businesses and residents whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a result of Hurricane Michael.
- ▶ Workers can apply if they worked, were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment and are not able to work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster.
- ▶ The deadline for Florida residents to apply is **Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018**.
- ▶ To file a DUA claim go to www.FloridaJobs.org or call 1-800-385-3920. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time to assist claimants. For DUA claims information, call 1-800-204-2418 and select the "speak to an agent" option to speak to a customer service representative.

EMPLOY FLORIDA DISASTER RECOVERY JOBS PORTAL

- ▶ Employ Florida, one of the nation's largest job search engines, has a website dedicated to helping jobseekers find jobs related to disaster recovery and community cleanup efforts.
- ▶ This portal provides direct links to jobs available in areas across the state that were impacted by Hurricane Michael.
- ▶ As part of Employ Florida, the portal also provides many resources for jobseekers and employers including resume writing assistance and links to education and training opportunities.
- ▶ Employers posting Hurricane Michael-related job openings should register on Employ Florida and select "Hurricane Michael Recovery Job" when posting the openings. Jobseekers and employers can go to <https://disasterrecovery.employflorida.com/vosnet/Default.aspx> for more information.

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FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY BRIDGE LOAN PROGRAM

- ▶ The Bridge Loan Program supports businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael by providing short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced physical or economic damage during the storm. The program bridges the gap between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer-term recovery resources, such as payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance.
- ▶ Applications must be completed by Dec. 7, 2018; apply at www.floridadisasterloan.org.
- ▶ For more information, contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network at 866-737-7232 or email Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org.
- ▶ Businesses can also complete a damage assessment survey at <https://floridadisaster.biz/BusinessDamageAssessments> and select 2018 Michael.

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

- ▶ The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity provides Labor Shed reports, which are a high-level summary of employment, demographics and commuting patterns in a specified area.
- ▶ These reports assist businesses and local officials in understanding potential impacts of natural disasters as they relate to employment, demographic and commuting trends when implementing local recovery efforts.
- ▶ Labor Shed reports for counties impacted by Hurricane Michael can be found at www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information/data-center/florida-census-data-center/hurricane-labor-shed-reports.
- ▶ DEO also produces a map allowing businesses and local officials to see the availability of active job seekers who possess skills needed for hurricane recovery efforts in their area. The map can be found at <http://lmsresources.labormarketinfo.com/jobseekers/index.html>.

MICROFINANCE AND STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE (SSBCI) LOAN PROGRAMS

- ▶ The Microfinance Loan Guarantee Program stimulates access to credit for entrepreneurs and small businesses in Florida by providing targeted guarantees to loans made to such entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- ▶ The SSBCI Loan Guarantee and Loan Participation Programs assist small businesses in obtaining loan approvals and leveraging private capital for use in startup costs, working capital, business procurement, franchise fees, equipment, inventory or the purchase of owner-occupied commercial real estate.
- ▶ For more information on these programs, please visit www.enterprise-florida.com/small-business/.