



ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

Rebuilding Your Business After Disaster Strikes

Research has found that small businesses lose about **\$3,000 a day** after closing due to a major natural disaster. In fact, the effects of a catastrophic storm can be long-lasting, or even permanent. Consider this, 1 in 4 businesses that close following a major disaster never re-open.

How can I improve my chances of survival?

Contact the **Louisiana Small Business Development Center**. Our team of highly trained business consultants will help you:

- assess the viability of your business
- analyze market and location conditions
- estimate the financial impact of losses
- evaluate business operations
- re-evaluate your business plan
- prepare for SBA disaster loan assistance

Call **(866) 782-4159** or visit **lsbdc.org** today to learn how the LSBDC can help you can minimize loses and increase survivability. LSBDC consulting services are provided at no cost to you.

Why do businesses fail?

The simple answer is, most business owners are not prepared. They resume operations assuming it's business as usual, not realizing that the business environment has changed and will never be the same.

Where can I get money?

Typically, grants are not available for business owners.

SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes including, private and non-profit organizations.

SBA disaster loans can be used to repair or replace the approved items damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster.

Economic injury loans may be available for small businesses that have been unable to meet its obligations and to pay its ordinary and necessary operating expenses.

To apply, visit:
disasterloan.sba.gov

Signup for **Ready Alerts** to stay up-to-date on the latest business recovery assistance. Text "**READY**" to **(318) 769-9921**.

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HOW TO APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE

STEP 1

REGISTER BUSINESS WITH FEMA
disasterassistance.gov | (800) 621-3362

STEP 2

APPLY FOR SBA DISASTER LOAN
disasterloan.sba.gov/ela | (800) 621-3362

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Completed and signed Business Loan Application (SBA Form 5)
- Completed and signed IRS Form 4506-T (principal owners, manager and members)
- Complete copy of the most recent Federal income Tax Return
- Completed, signed and dated Personal Financial Statement (SBA Form 413)
- Schedule of Liabilities listing all fixed debts (can use SBA Form 2202)

For a detailed list of required documentation, visit [disaster loan.sba.gov/ela](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela).

STEP 3

SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT WITH LSBDC
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