

To the Members of the Jersey City Business Community:

We hope this finds you well and safe.

We know that many of you have suffered losses as a result of Hurricane Sandy, and in many cases the losses were devastating. We want to do all we can to assist you in recovering, and there are a number of assistance programs available to you.

Here are some of the business recovery services available:

- Guarantees of up to \$500,000 for commercial lines of credit to businesses that need access to cash for repairing damaged property while waiting for insurance proceeds, with all New Jersey Economic Development Authority related fees waived (www.njeda.com/disasterrelief).
- Microloans of up to \$15,000 to meet immediate post-storm working capital needs are available through UCEDC (www.ucedc.com) and The Intersect Fund (<http://www.intersectfund.org/content/disaster-loans>). Larger loans are also available through UCEDC.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration offers a variety of disaster aid loans. Visit www.sbaonline.gov/services/disasterassistance/index.html for more details and applications.
- Grants to assist with on-the-job training costs for workers hired specifically to assist in disaster-related activities (landscaping, tree removal, construction, insurance claims, building supplies sales, materials transport, utility work, call and claims centers staffing, infrastructure clearing and repair). Contact our local New Jersey Business Action Center at 201-217-7179.
- Temporary workers may be found through www.Jobs4Jersey.com.
- Disaster Unemployment Benefits for displaced workers with temporary, storm-related job loss (www.njuifile.net).
- Access to phones, photocopiers, and fax machines are available at our local One-Stop Career Center, 438 Summit Avenue, First Floor. Please phone Hugh Caufield at 201-217-7179.
- The Jersey City Business Action Center can assist with arranging facility inspections, advocating with insurance carriers to expedite claims, information on utility restoration, and connecting businesses with county and local services as well as SBA services.
- The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at 350 Montgomery Street is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You do not need an appointment to obtain assistance or file a claim. Please be sure to bring your business employer identification number, address of and directions to the damaged property, your contact info (phone number, email and snail-mail addresses and bank account info (if you want funds sent directly to your account). More information is available at www.disasterassistance.gov. or by phoning 1-800-621-3362.

We will reach out to you as more information becomes available.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with you, your families and your associates.

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