

Press Release



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Florida SBDC at FGCU Offers Disaster Assistance for Businesses Affected by Hurricane Milton in Cape Coral and Charlotte County



FORT MYERS, FL — In the wake of Hurricane Milton's widespread impact on Southwest Florida, the Florida SBDC at FGCU is ready to assist local businesses with disaster recovery efforts. The Florida SBDC at FGCU can provide technical assistance to apply for SBA Disaster Loans and Florida Emergency Bridge Loan. These loans are critical in helping businesses secure the immediate funding needed to recover and rebuild.

Cape Coral Location:

Our Cape Coral office is open every weekday by appointment from 8am to 5pm for SBA Disaster Loans and Emergency Bridge Loan consultations. Walk-in services are available on a first-come, first-serve basis during the following times:

- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:** 8am to 12pm

Current clients are urged to schedule an appointment by calling ahead:
239-745-3700
or email us at: sbdc@fgcu.edu

It is highly recommended to bring all relevant financial documents for your business to facilitate the loan application process and ensure a productive consultation.

New clients to the SBDC are urged to complete a Request for Consulting at the following link to secure an appointment:
<https://floridasbdc.org/request-for-consulting/>

Cape Coral SBDC Office
3106 Del Prado Blvd S #203
Cape Coral, FL 33904
239-573-2737

Charlotte County Location:

The Florida SBDC Mobile Assistance Center (MAC) will be stationed at the Port Charlotte Town Center Mall on the following dates:

- **Friday, October 18, 2024 - 11am to 4pm**
- **Saturday, October 19, 2024 - 11am to 4pm**
- **Sunday, October 20, 2024 - 12pm to 5pm**

These MACs, equipped with laptops, printers, and internet access, provide small business owners affected by the disaster the opportunity to meet with Florida SBDC consultants for on-the-spot loan assistance.

The Mobile Assistance Centers offer comprehensive on-site support for businesses navigating the challenges of post-disaster recovery, from preparing SBA Disaster Loan applications to addressing other immediate business concerns. Businesses are strongly advised to bring all available financial documentation to help expedite the process.

BEALLS - Port Charlotte Town Center Mall
1441 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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About the Florida SBDC at FGCU:

The FSBDC at FGCU offers one-on-one, confidential, no-cost consulting and low-cost workshops for businesses throughout Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades counties. The state designates the Florida SBDC Network as Florida's principal provider of business assistance. The FSBDC at FGCU is a member of the Florida SBDC Network, a statewide service funded in part through cooperative agreements with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Department of Defense, State of Florida, and other private and public partners, and is hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University and nationally accredited by the Association of SBDCs. For more information, please visit www.fsbdcswfl.org.