

Hurricane Ian Response and Recovery

The Economic Development Office has focused on business outreach following Hurricane Ian. We have reached out to businesses to provide recovery resources and conduct the FloridaDisaster.Biz [Business Damage Assessment Survey](#). We partnered with CareerSource Southwest Florida to open a call center to reach out to Charlotte County businesses. As of November 9th:

- 625 outreach calls have been made to Charlotte County businesses.
- 4,500 resource postcards were sent out to local businesses.
- Approximately 200 Business Assessment Surveys have been completed.
- \$117 million in business damages have reported so far
- 5,173 resource emails have been sent

We are working hard to reach all Charlotte County businesses to offer recovery resources and support. If your business was impacted by Hurricane Ian please consider completing the [Florida Business Damage Assessment Survey](#). If you need information or assistance please visit our website:

SWFL Business Recovery Centers are Open!

Need help with the following business disaster loans?

- SBA Physical Disaster Loan
- SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)
- Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program

Visit a BRC and speak with a business disaster specialist today!

Locations:

- **Bonita Springs:** SWFL, Inc | 25071 Chamber of Commerce Dr, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
◦ Sun-Sat: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Cape Coral:** Kiwanis Club | 360 Santa Barbara Blvd S., Cape Coral, FL 33991
◦ Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- **Naples:** The Naples Players | 701 5th Ave S, Naples, FL 34102
◦ Mon: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm | Tue-Sun: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Port Charlotte:** Promenades Mall | 3280 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
◦ Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



THE BUSINESS DAMAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEY IS AVAILABLE



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Did you know?

SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters and businesses.



RECOVERY

DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

CTC Powerplant Certification

Congratulations to Charlotte Technical College for obtaining their powerplant certification for their Aviation Maintenance Technician program.

Read more: <https://hubs.la/Q01r19G30>



#1 Florida



- Education Attainment: **+14.5%**
- Jobs: **+4.3%**
- Skilled Jobs: **+12.2%**
- Migration (2020): **82,126**
- Competitive Effect: **199,817**
- Skilled Job Openings per 1,000: **20**

Florida Ranks #1 in Talent Scorecard

Florida's focus on training workers with the technical skills and credentials is paying off as the Sunshine State has been named number one in the U.S. for attracting and developing a skilled workforce. Governor Ron DeSantis announced this ranking as a part of Lightcast's 2022 Talent Attraction Scorecard. Read more: <https://hubs.la/Q01rQJ4q0>