

Resources Update available to assist businesses and residents in our region affected by Tropical Storm Helene.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced the opening of two Business Recovery Centers (BRCs) in Virginia on Monday, October 7th. These centers are designed to support businesses and residents impacted by the storm in recovering through various loan programs and services. The locations and hours of the BRCs are as follows:

1. Crossroads Institute (Galax)

- Address: 1117 E Stuart Drive, Galax, VA 24333
- Hours: Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed Sunday)

2. Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator (Abingdon)

- Address: 851 French Moore Jr Boulevard, Abingdon, VA 24210
- Hours: Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed Sunday)

These centers will assist businesses and residents in applying for low-interest disaster loans, providing updates on applications, and answering any questions about the process. No appointments are necessary, but they can be scheduled in advance for convenience.

As we continue to work together to support our community, it is crucial that those affected do not delay in applying for assistance, even if they are still navigating insurance claims. The filing deadline for physical property damage is December 2, 2024, and the deadline for economic injury applications is July 1, 2025.

Please feel free to share this information with your networks and direct any inquiries to the SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or via email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.