



Disaster Field Operations Center East

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SBA Relocates Westchester County Businesses Recovery Center for Businesses Affected by Remnants of Hurricane Ida

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) today announced it will be relocating the Westchester County **SBA Business Recovery Center** (BRC) from the New York Power Authority ((NYPA) to the New Rochelle American Legion Post #8 to help businesses affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

“The SBA is committed to the New York small business community’s economic recovery,” said the SBA New York District Director Beth L. Goldberg. “We encourage any small business in an Ida-affected borough or county to meet with an SBA representative at a Business Recovery Center to learn how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover.”

The disaster declaration covers Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties in **New York**, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Columbia, New York, Orange, Putnam and Ulster in **New York**; Fairfield and Litchfield in **Connecticut**; Berkshire in **Massachusetts**; and Bergen and Passaic in **New Jersey**.

The Center locations and hours of operation are indicated below.

<u>Business Recovery Center (BRC) Westchester County</u>	<u>Business Recovery Center (BRC) Westchester County</u>
New York Power Authority (NYPA) 123 Main St White Plains, NY 10601	American Legion Post #8 112 North Ave. New Rochelle, NY 10801
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (EDT) Closes permanently on Friday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.	Opens on Monday Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (EST)

In accordance with precautions for COVID-19, the SBA established protocols to help protect the health and safety of the public. Visitors to the BRC are encouraged to wear a face mask.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical

damages, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may include a sump pump, elevation, French drain or retaining wall to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/>, and should apply under SBA declaration # 17147, not for the COVID-19 incident.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at DisasterAssistance.gov or download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Businesses and individuals may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or emailing DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded at sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Dec. 6, 2021**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 6, 2022**.

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