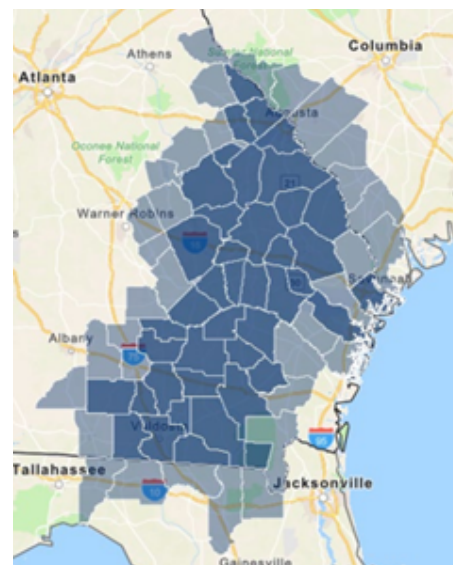


## SBA OPENS BUSINESS DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

**Augusta, GA. October 8, 2024** - We are pleased to announce that the SBA has partnered with CSRA Business Lending and the CSRA Regional Commission (our local counsel of governments we are affiliated with) to open an Augusta SBA Business Disaster Recovery Center starting today at our offices at **3626 Walton Way Extension, Suite 1, Augusta, Georgia 30909**.

“SBA’s mission-driven team stands ready to help small businesses and residents in Georgia impacted by this disaster,” said SBA Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman in a statement announcing the opening. “We’re committed to providing federal disaster loans swiftly and efficiently, with a customer-centric approach to help businesses and communities recover and rebuild.”



“We are very appreciative to Administrator Guzman and SBA Georgia District Director, Terri Denison, for partnering with our organization and swiftly opening this center here in our office in Augusta so our businesses and our community can get assistance directly in Augusta as they recover from this disaster,” said Randy Griffin, President of CSRA Business Lending.

The Augusta SBA Business Recovery Center will be open starting today from 9 until 6 (Monday through Friday) and from 9 until 4 on Saturday. SBA Disaster Loan Specialists will be available in CSRA's offices to assist business owners, farmers, homeowners, and renters with applications for low interest disaster loans to assist in recovering from Hurricane Helene. The Augusta SBA Business Disaster Recovery Center joins similar centers in Statesboro and Valdosta that have now also opened (with more planned). SBA is also opening centers in five other states as well to respond to the Hurricane Helene Disaster. Appointments at our office and the other centers can be booked online on the SBA disaster website or walk ins at our office are also accepted.

### **TWO IMPORTANT TIPS TO APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE (whether applying in person or online):**

- 1) Business owners need to have on hand to scan (or bring with them) their last three years business tax returns (complete copies).
- 2) Every owner/applicant (even if married) **MUST** have their own email address for document exchange and electronic document signing.

Remember online applications are also being accepted and encouraged.

[CLICK HERE](#)- To go directly to the SBA Georgia Disaster Application website and apply online.