



Small Business Recovery Resources

for Western North Carolina



MOUNTAIN BIZWORKS LOAN PROGRAMS

Mountain BizWorks specializes in providing financing to help Western North Carolina small businesses launch and expand, by offering non-traditional loans from \$1,000 to \$500,000.

mountainbizworks.org/get-funding/



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SMALL BUSINESS CENTER NETWORK

Provide expert advice, practical training and connections to resource partners that will help small businesses thrive in the local community, no matter the industry or experience.

nccommunitycolleges.edu/businesses/small-business-center-network/



SMALL BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Through management counseling and educational services, the Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) helps small and mid-sized businesses increase sales, create jobs, and access capital at significantly greater rates than the average North Carolina business. Counselors collaborate with each business owner to assess and benchmark company performance and make better business decisions.

sbtcdc.org/



USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Rural cooperatives, state government agencies, towns and communities, nonprofit entities, institutions of higher learning, and federally recognized Tribes can apply for grants from the Rural Business Development Grant Program, a \$27.7 million dollar fund for business and community initiatives that promote economic growth and job creation.

<https://bit.ly/Rural-Business-Development-Grants>

✓ **NORTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM**

Local governments in North Carolina located in areas impacted by Hurricane Helene can apply for grants from the Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program (SmBIZ), a \$55 million dollar fund designed to rebuild the damaged infrastructure that small businesses rely on to operate and thrive.

commerce.nc.gov/SmBIZ

✓ **NCGROWTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Small- and medium-sized businesses located in economically distressed communities can access a wide array of technical assistance from NCGrowth, including financial analysis, manufacturing process improvement, and natural resource management planning. Workshops, virtual training sessions, and other types of content are available to support entrepreneurs.

ncgrowth.kenaninstitute.unc.edu/

✓ **RELIEF FUNDING FOR CHILDCARE CENTERS**

Relief is available for child care centers, family child care homes, before- and after- school programs (0-5 or 0-12), Head Starts, and NC Pre-K programs recovering from the impacts of Hurricane Helene. The center or program can apply for grant funding to help reopen the center or to help keep it open. Grant funding of \$10 million was appropriated by the state to help child care centers in impacted areas across western North Carolina, as well as a recent grant of \$75 million from the federal government for the same purpose.

wncrecovery.nc.gov/relief-funds-childcare-centers/open

✓ **NORTH CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESOURCES**

Resources for businesses and Chambers affected by Helene.

ncchamber.com/helene/resources-for-businesses-and-chambers-affected-by-helene/

✓ **DOWN TO EARTH LEAD PROGRAM**

Appalachian Community Capital pilots this program in Appalachia. They offer a free, easily accessible form to connect small business owners and entrepreneurs with community development finance institutions and community partners on the platform.

wncrecovery.nc.gov/connecting-entrepreneurs-and-small-businesses/open



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wncrecovery.nc.gov/resources/recovery-resources

Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina

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