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FEMA

Federal assistance is available to eligible individuals and families affected by this disaster. There are several ways to apply:

- <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4827>
- [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4827)
- FEMA App
- Call **800-621-3362** from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET daily.
 - *The telephone line is open every day and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.*

Source: [Press Release](#) from the NC Governor

REMINDER! Document your damages now! Photograph your damages and items you have to throw away. Homeowners and renters in Watauga County can apply for assistance through FEMA.

Division of Employment Security (DUA)

Following a federal disaster declaration because of Hurricane Helene, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits are now available in 25 counties as well as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

- People in these counties have **60 days from October 1** to file an application for Disaster Unemployment Assistance.
- The deadline to apply is **December 2**.
- Apply here: [des.nc.gov](https://www.des.nc.gov)

US Small Business Administration (SBA)

Explore SBA's low-interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters.

- <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

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Local Banks & Financial Institutions

Reach out to your local financial institutions during this time to see how they can help.

- Need to find a financial institution or bank affiliated with the Chamber?
- Search BACC members here: <https://www.boonechamber.com/current-members>

Insurance

- More information coming soon.
- In the mean time, if you need to search a BACC member that provides insurance, go here: <https://www.boonechamber.com/current-members>