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## **Disaster Recovery Center for Hurricane Ian opens**

*Charleston County Emergency Management in Conjunction with FEMA and SBA will help provide assistance from Ian*

Charleston County Emergency Management Department will open a Disaster Recovery Center to assist both individual residents and Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations who experienced damages caused by Hurricane Ian apply for aid. The center will open on Monday, December 5 and is located at North Charleston Public Works, 5800 Casper Padgett Way, North Charleston. Hours of operation:

- December 5 from 1 to 6 p.m.
- December 6 - 9 and December 12 - 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- December 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Those who qualify for the below programs can come meet with Emergency Management staff and receive help navigating the application process. No appointment necessary.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest disaster loans to PNPs in Charleston County who sustained damage from Hurricane Ian from September 25 through October 4, 2022. Examples of eligible, non-critical PNP organizations include, but are not limited to, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools, and colleges. The filing deadline to submit applications for physical property damage is **January 20, 2023**. For more information and to apply for SBA loans, head to <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/hurricane-ian>.

Charleston County residents who suffered damages because of Hurricane Ian can apply for disaster assistance through FEMA. Individual Assistance can help residents with eligible storm-related costs not covered by insurance. Please note that prior to receiving Federal financial assistance, any insurance benefits must be exhausted to avoid duplication of benefits.

Residents can register for FEMA assistance in one of three ways:

- Online by logging onto [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Online by downloading the FEMA app, available for Apple and Android mobile devices. To download the app, visit: [fema.gov/mobile-app](https://fema.gov/mobile-app) or your phone's app store.
- Call 800-621-3362. Residents who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585. Language translators also are available.

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