

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE II

Was your small business harmed by Hurricane Helene? The Western North Carolina Small Business Initiative II is here to help. The initiative provides **relief grants up to \$50,000** to small businesses across the region that sustained damage from Hurricane Helene.

WNCSBI II has expanded eligibility to additional WNC Counties and businesses with up to \$2,500,000 in annual revenue.

WNCSBI II Grant information

- **Application window:** Jan. 31 – Feb. 21, 2025
- **Business qualifications:** Eligible small businesses in Western North Carolina (eligibility below)
- **Grant size:** Up to \$50,000 (\$25,000 for businesses with revenue \$1,000,000 or less)
- **Eligible uses:** Repair and replacement of physical damage, environmental cleanup, payment of business-related rents or mortgages, employee retention and hiring, and more

Eligible businesses

- For-profit business actively registered with the North Carolina Secretary of State (or a sole proprietorship with an active DBA filing)
- Physically located in one of the following Western North Carolina counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey; or is located in the Qualla Boundary
- Business was formed and in operation on or before 9/27/23
- Had \$2,500,000 or less in 2023 annual gross revenue
- Has sustained physical or economic damage from Hurricane Helene
- Currently operating or plans to reopen

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