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## **Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Announces Disaster Recovery Fund for Businesses Affected by Hurricane Idalia**

*CITRUS COUNTY, FL – September 13, 2023* — In response to the impacts caused by Hurricane Idalia, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is launching the Disaster Recovery Fund grant cycle from September 12th, 2023 to October 31st, 2023 (or until funds are exhausted). This initiative is aimed at providing interim financial aid to local businesses as they await further assistance from state and federal sources.

### **Details of the Grant**

Local businesses registered with a Citrus County or City of Crystal River Business License can apply for a grant allocation of up to \$1,000 per business license. The funds are intended to assist in immediate repairs and recovery activities, helping businesses to swiftly get back on their feet.

### **Eligibility and Application**

To be eligible for this grant, businesses must satisfy the following conditions:

- Hold a valid Citrus County or City of Crystal River Business License
- Provide verifiable proof of damages or expenses incurred due to Hurricane Idalia
- Provide receipts for repair work or other expenditures, if reimbursement is sought, or estimates of projected repairs/equipment

### **Businesses are required to furnish the following details in the application:**

- Business name
- Business address
- Contact phone number
- Contact email
- Requested grant amount (up to \$1,000)
- Detailed description of damages or storm related expenses incurred
- Detailed list of expenses (with receipts or estimates, if available)



## **Timeline**

- *Application Deadline:* October 31, 2023 or until funds are exhausted
- *Review Period:* Chamber committee will review applications within a week of submission
- *Notification of Award:* Notification of grant status is expected within 7-10 business days from application submission
- *Fund Disbursement:* Fund disbursement is expected withing 2-3 business days following notification of approval

## **How to Apply**

Businesses can find the application form and further details at <https://www.citruscountychamber.com/hurricane-idalia/>. Click Business Recovery Grant to access the downloadable PDF. The completed application, along with all necessary documents, should be submitted by downloading the application and emailing it to [Luzviminda@CitrusCountyChamber.com](mailto:Luzviminda@CitrusCountyChamber.com) or dropping it off at our Chamber office in Crystal River at 915 N Suncoast Blvd. Crystal River, FL, 34429.

## **Support and Information**

For additional information or support, businesses can reach out via:

- Phone: 352-795-3149
- Email: [Luzviminda@CitrusCountyChamber.com](mailto:Luzviminda@CitrusCountyChamber.com)

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce encourages all eligible businesses to avail themselves of this opportunity to facilitate quicker recovery and operational resumption. The chamber is committed to standing with the local business community during these challenging times and fostering collaboration and resource sharing for the greater good. We would like to recognize Duke Energy and our Board of Directors for their generous support of this program.

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