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Hurricane Harvey Business Relief Grant Fund - www.YouCaring.com/SupportNWHarris

OVERVIEW

Hurricane Harvey represents the worst flooding disaster to hit our community compounded by the fact that only 16 months before, we experienced the “Tax Day Floods”. The Federal Small Business Administration offers disaster recovery loans to business owners and residents at low interest rates. Those considering a Houston Northwest Chamber Foundation Grant should also apply with the SBA, even if they decide not to activate a loan. Applicants may apply online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or www.sba.gov/harvey or by calling 800-659-2955. The deadline to apply for SBA property damage is October 24, 2017.

Knowing that the available funding cannot possibly cover everything, the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce and its sister organization, the Chamber Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation, recognize that there are insurance deductibles and other immediate expenses that are needed now. For this reason, this temporary grant fund is being established to help business owners in northwest Harris County so that their chances of reopening are improved.

GOALS

1. The Grant Fund is intended to provide small grants to help with immediate business expenses related to business recovery for those businesses in northwest Harris County that experienced flooding damage as a result of Hurricane Harvey.
2. To reduce the chance that area businesses will close. The SBA reports that after disasters, 40% of the businesses never reopen. Our goal is to reduce that percentage measurably.

GRANT RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

Those applying for a Chamber Foundation Grant should meet the following qualifications:

1. Be a business within one of the following zip codes: 77014, 77040, 77064, 77066, 77067, 77068, 77069, 77070, 77073, 77086, 77090, 77373, 77379, 77388, 77389.
2. Have applied through the SBA Disaster Loan Program.
3. Be a for-profit proprietorship or corporation that has been in business for over one year.
4. Complete and submit the application. Funds will be disbursed weekly as they are available, therefore, businesses should submit by the end of business on Fridays for disbursements for the next week.

NOTIFICATION

Thank you for considering the Houston Northwest Chamber Foundation as a potential partner in your business recovery. We urge you to review the many resources listed at www.HoustonNWChamber.org and we ask that you do what you can to promote the online giving fund at www.YouCaring.com/SupportNWHarris.

The Primary Contact Person will be notified within 2 weeks if you will receive a grant, will be placed in a queue or have been denied at this time.

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