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### **Emergency Bridge Loan Program Available To Assist Small Business Owners In The Aftermath Of Hurricane Matthew**

**Fernandina Beach, Florida.** The residents of Florida have experienced and are continuing to experience catastrophic damage in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, one of the worst hurricanes to hit the Northeast Florida coast in the last century. "The residents of Duval and Nassau Counties have endured some of the most significant damage in the state, and I am happy to share information individuals might find helpful as they work to rebuild their lives after Hurricane Matthew," stated Representative Adkins.

The Florida Small Business Development Network has announced the Emergency Bridge Loan Program. This program is available to small business owners who need financial assistance to rebuild after Hurricane Matthew. To complete a damage assessment survey for your business please click this link, <http://flvbeoc.org/index.php?action=bda>. Completing this survey will help expedite the activation of the Emergency Bridge Loan Program. To begin the loan application for the program, please click this link, <http://www.floridadisasterloan.org/>. To speak to a local representative for more information on applying for the loan please call (904)-620-2476.

The Florida First Coast Relief Fund has been created by United Way of Northeast Florida, United Way of St. Johns County, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, and the Jewish Federation of Jacksonville for individuals or businesses wishing to donate to local nonprofits who are working to provide relief to the victims of Hurricane Matthew. To learn more about the Florida First Coast Relief Fund please click this link, <https://www.unitedwaynefl.org/flfirstcoastrelief/>.

"I hope the constituents of District 11 take advantage of all resources offered to them as they work to get through this difficult time in our community. I am confident in our community's ability to rebuild stronger than ever," stated Representative Adkins.

Representative Adkins represents House District 11, which includes all of Nassau County and portions of Duval County. For additional information, please contact Representative Adkins' office at 904-491-3664 or email [rachel.lockhart@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:rachel.lockhart@myfloridahouse.gov).

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