Route 80 Business Assistance Grant Program



What is the Route 80 Assistance Grant Program?

An emergency relief grant program which will provide short-term financial support for small and medium Morris County, New Jersey businesses affected by the Route 80 closures.

Open to businesses and nonprofits that have up to 50 full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) and a commercial location in Morris County, New Jersey that suffered negative financial impacts as a result of the Route 80 closures.

Provides grants from \$1,000 to \$15,000 based on revenue loss and number of Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTEs) reported on Q4 2024 WR-30





GRANT AWARDS

The Route 80 Business Assistance Grant Program will provide grants based on a business' negative financial impact and number of Full Time Equivalent Employees (Full Time Equivalent Employee Estimator) as outlined below:

•0-5 FTEs: \$1,000 to \$5,000 maximum

•6-20 FTEs: \$1,000 to \$10,000 maximum

•21-50 FTEs: \$1,000 to \$15,000 maximum

An applicant's estimated revenue loss will be based on applicant's **2024 annual revenue and their first quarter 2025 loss,** as certified by the applicant

Grants received through this program can be used to pay for working capital expenses only.

Capital expenses, such as remediation or construction, are not eligible uses of funding





ELIGIBILITY

The Route 80 Business Assistance Grant Program is open to **businesses and nonprofits** that meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1. Up to 50 full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) based on the Q4 2024 New Jersey WR-30 filing with the New Jersey Department of Labor (DOL)
- 2. Sustained a negative financial impact of \$1,000 or more as a result of the Route 80 Sinkholes
- 3. A physical commercial location in Morris County, New Jersey (e.g., an office, a physical point of sales, a warehouse, manufacturing facility, etc.)
- 4. Registered to do business in the State of New Jersey at the time of application, as evidenced by a valid Business Registration Certificate, if required
- 5. Satisfies the New Jersey Department of Taxation's requirement that the business or nonprofit does not have tax debts due to the State
- 6. Not on the exclusion list at SAM.gov
- 7. In good standing with relevant regulatory agencies (Labor, Treasury, Taxation)







INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

The following businesses are not eligible for the Route 80 Business Assistance Grant Program:

- 1. Landlords
- 2. Home-based businesses
- 3. Gambling or gaming activities
- 4. Conduct or purveyance of "adult" (i.e., pornographic, lewd, prurient, obscene or otherwise similarly disreputable) activities, services, products or materials
- 5. Auctions or bankruptcy or fire or "lost-our-lease" or "going-out-of-business" or similar sales
- 6. Sales by transient merchants
- 7. Christmas tree sales or other outdoor storage
- 8. Any activity constituting a nuisance or any illegal purposes
- 9. Cannabis licensed or certified businesses





ELIGIBILITY SCREENER

You must be able to answer "Yes" to all of the below questions to receive funding:

- Does the business you are applying for have a physical commercial business location in Morris County, New Jersey?
- Did your business's physical commercial business location sustain revenue loss as a result of the Route 80 closures?
- Was the revenue loss to the commercial business location in Morris County, New Jersey in excess of \$1,000?
- Was your business in operation on December 1, 2024?
- You are aware Landlords, Real Estate Holding Companies, Cannabis Licensed or Certified Businesses and Home-Based Businesses are NOT eligible for this program?

Businesses whose applications are denied will have the right to appeal





The application will open and close on the following schedule:

Morris County, NJ Businesses within a 5-mile radius of Exit 34 Closures

Open: 10:00 a.m. April 22, 2025 Close: 5:00 p.m. April 28, 2025 Eligible Zip Codes within 5-mile radius:

07438,07801,07803,07834,07842,07847,07849,07850,07852,07856,07866,07869,07876,07885,07950

THE APPLICATION WILL ONLY OPEN ON THE DATES BELOW IF FUNDING REMAINS AVAILABLE.

Morris County, NJ Businesses within a 10-mile radius of Exit 34 Closures

Open: 10:00 a.m. April 29, 2025 **Close:** 5:00 p.m. May 5, 2025

Eligible Additional Zip Codes within the 10-mile radius 07005,07034,07045,07046,07054,07405,07435,07828,07836,07840, 07857,07878,07926,07927,07930,07945,07960,07970,07981

Including all previously eligible zip codes.

All Morris County, NJ Businesses

Open: 10:00 a.m. May 6, 2025 **Close:** 5:00 p.m. May 9, 2025

All remaining eligible Morris County Zip Codes:

07035,07058,07082,07440,07444,07457,07460,07830,07853,07865,07870 07920,07928,07931,07932,07933,07934,07935,07936,07940,07946,07961,07976,07980

Including all previously eligible zip codes.



The NJEDA Application Center is located at https://programs.njeda.com/

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NJEDA Online Application Center

Welcome to the NJEDA's online application Center.

To register for access to submit an application on this website, please review this link for details. For additional questions, call NJEDA at 1-844-965-1125

Interested in learning more? Please visit us at NJEDA.gov

To apply for the NJEDA Programs, click on the button named "NJEDA Programs" below.

Please DO NOT use Internet Explorer as your browser to complete this application as it is unsupported and may cause delays to your application processing. Alternative browsers include 'Microsoft Edge', 'Chrome', or 'Safari'.

Questions about submitting your application? Please contact NJEDA Customer Care at 844-965-1125



To access or create your account click "Sign in" at the upper right-hand corner of the page.



If you have applied using the NJEDA Application Center previously – simply log in with your Username and Password

Forgot Password – Slide #3

First Time Registrants – Slide #6

Pop-Up Box (We recognize your email) – Slide #9

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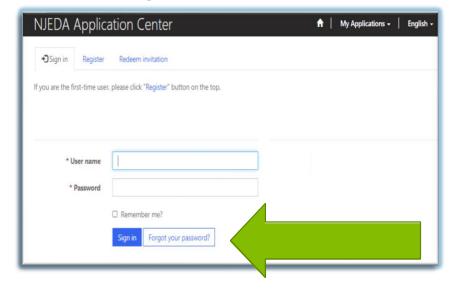
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If you have any issues please call Customer Care 844-965-1125 and we will assist you.

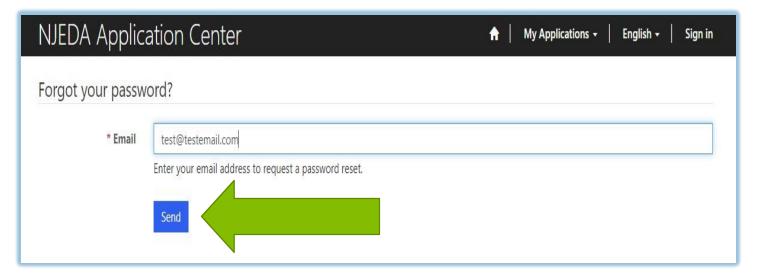


Forgot your Password?

1. Use the "Forgot Password" button to receive an email to reset



2. Enter your email address and click "Send"





Forgot your Password?

3. Check your email including Spam and Junk

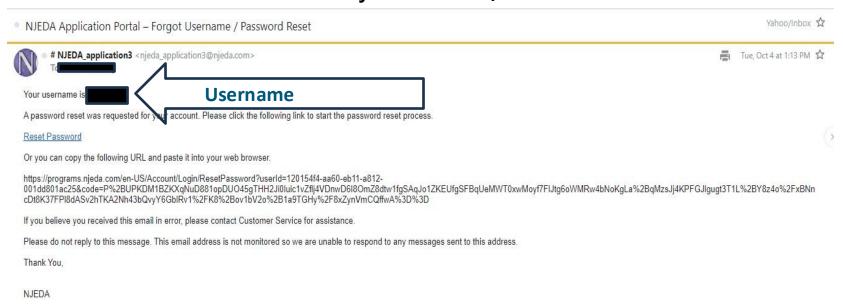
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Forgot your password?

4. Follow the instructions in the email

(Please note that the reset email also contains your Username)



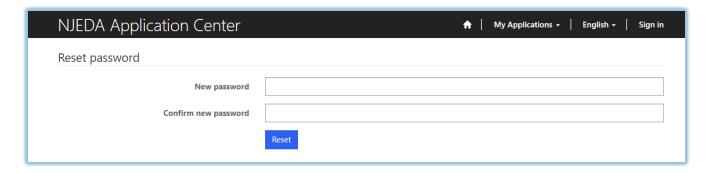
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Forgot your Password?

5. Enter and Confirm your new Password, then click Reset



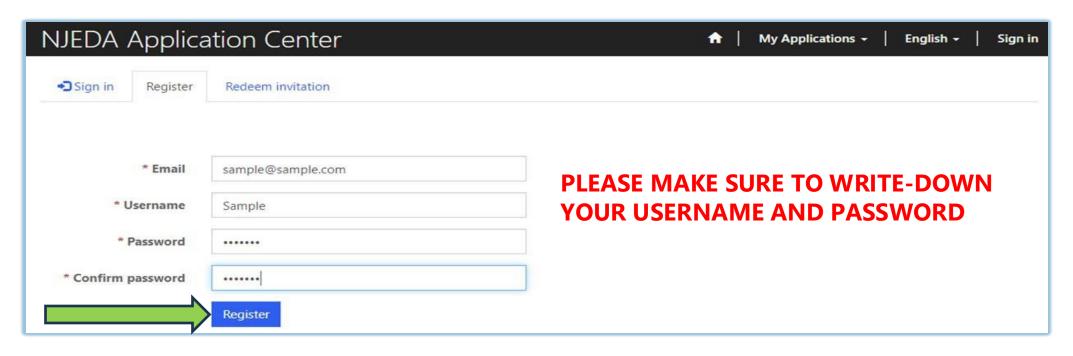
6. Click - Sign In – you will be directed back to the original Sign In screen





First Time Registrants – Step One

- 1. Enter your email, username and password (Username can be the same as your email)
 - Passwords must contain 1 upper case letter, 1 lower case letter and be at least 8 characters
- 2. Once information is filled in click "Register"
- 3. If you receive a pop-up that notes your email is in our system, please skip to slide #9

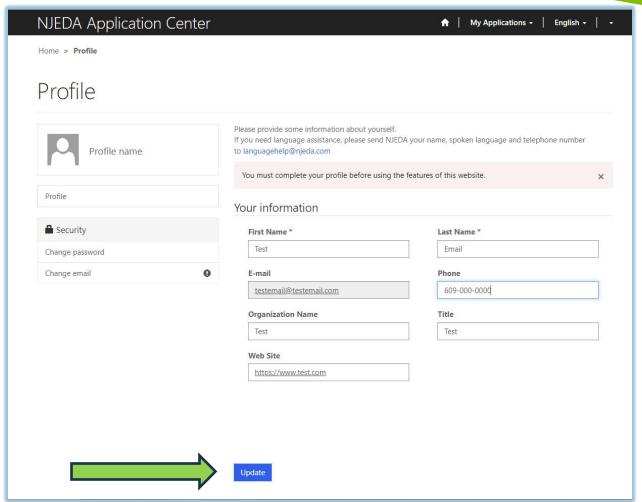




First Time Registrants – Step Two

Setting up your Profile

- 1. Once you click Register, you must enter "Your Information"
- 2. First Name, Last Name and Phone Number are required
- 3. Confirm your email address is correct (this will be the primary way the NJEDA contacts your business)
- 4. Once complete, click "Update"



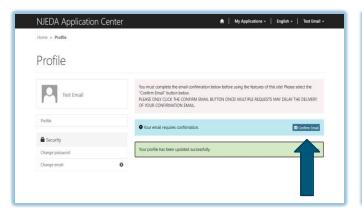


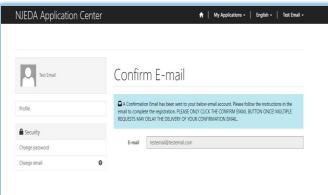
First Time Registrants – Step Three

Confirming Your Email

- 1. Once "Your Information" screen is complete confirm your email address by clicking on "Confirm Email"
- 2. Go to your email and follow the instructions within the email (Be sure to check Junk and Spam folders)
- 3. Click on "Complete Registration" within the email, you will see a pop-up noting completion and will then be redirected back to the NJEDA Application Center please give this process up to 10 seconds to complete
- 4. You will see your name in the Upper Right Corner of the page which lets you know that you are signed-in to the portal

Please check your email Inbox including Spam and Junk folders.



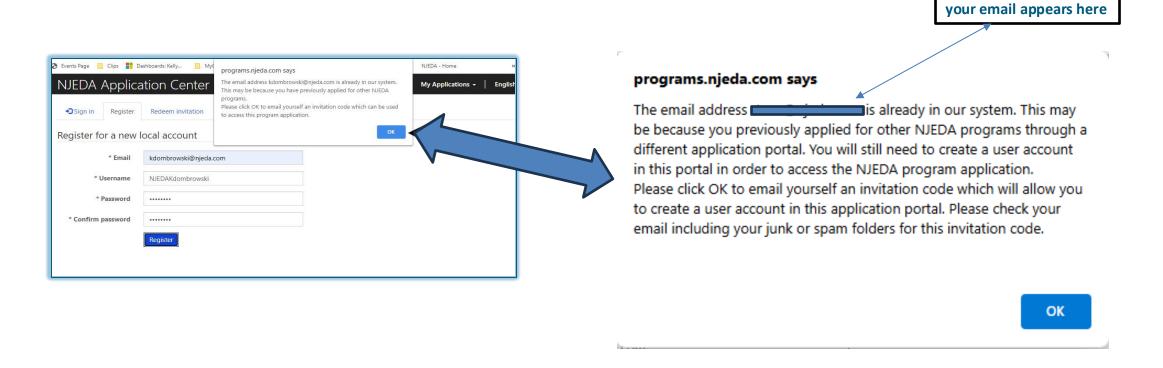






First Time Registrants – <u>Pop-up box</u>

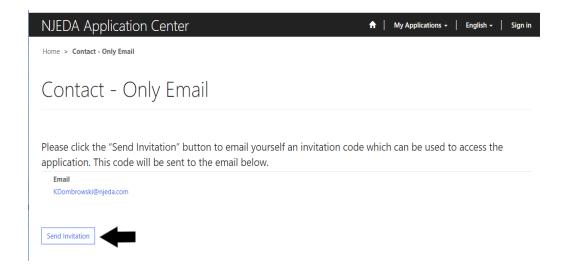
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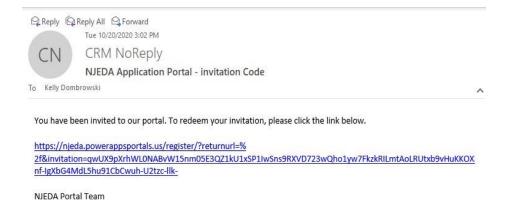


First Time Registrants – *Invitation Code*

Next, dick on "Send Invitation".



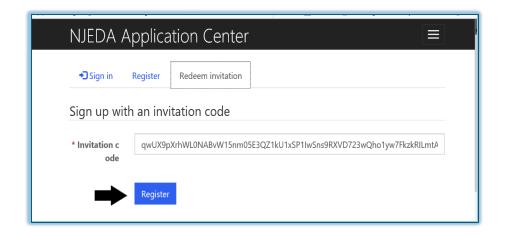
An email will be sent to the address you provided. Upon receipt, dick the link provided in the body of the email.

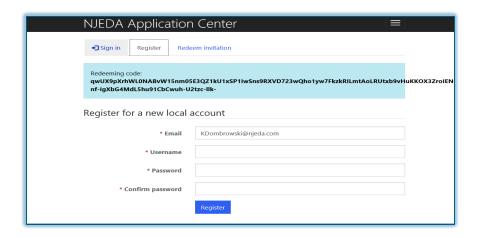




First Time Registrants – <u>Invitation Code</u>

After clicking the link in the email, you will be returned to the NJEDA Application Center. Your Invitation Code will be pre-populated and you then need to click "Register". You will be directed back to the registration page where you will continue with the registration process.





Please proceed to STEP TWO on slide 7.





If you are struggling to stay open because a disaster affected your revenues, you are not alone.

Around 25% of businesses fail after a disaster. If a disaster affected your cashflow, SBA is here to help you stay open with a low-interest economic injury disaster loan. There is no payment due and 0% interest for 12 months after the loan disbursement.

For more information and to apply, visit sba.gov/disaster.







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