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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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

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First Time Registrants – Slide #6

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

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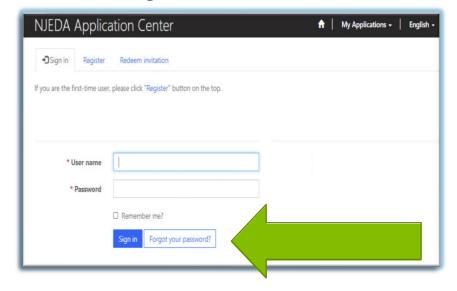
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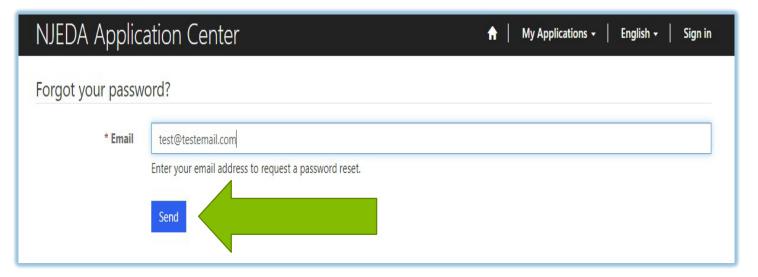


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1. Use the "Forgot Password" button to receive an email to reset



2. Enter your email address and click "Send"





Forgot your Password?

3. Check your email including Spam and Junk

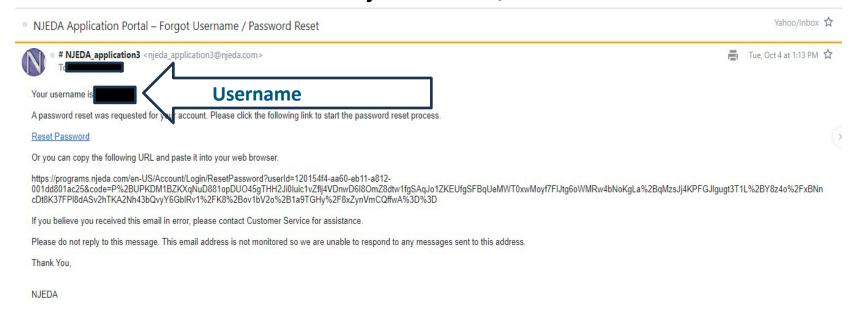
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Forgot your password?

Please check your email to reset your password.

4. Follow the instructions in the email

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

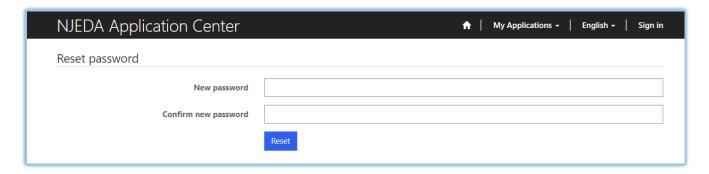




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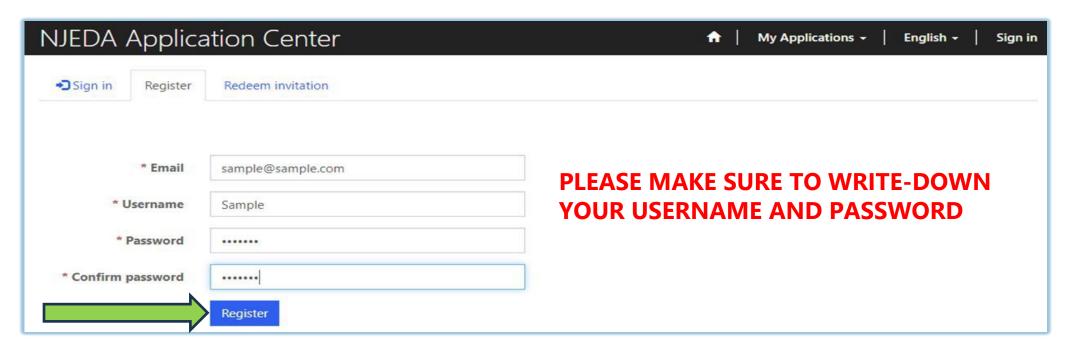
6. Click - Sign In – you will be directed back to the original Sign In screen





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

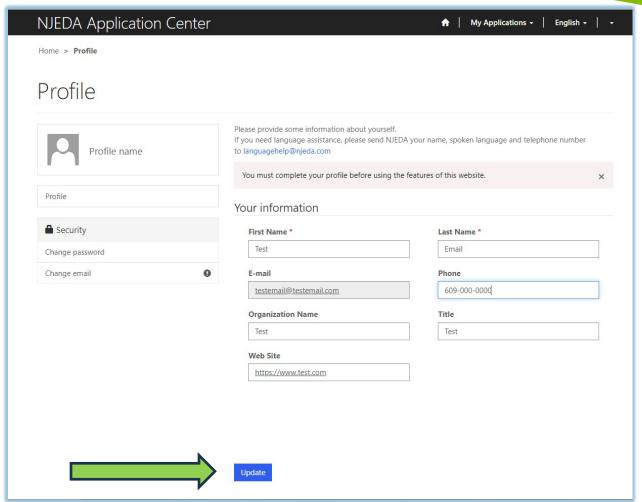




First Time Registrants – Step Two

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"



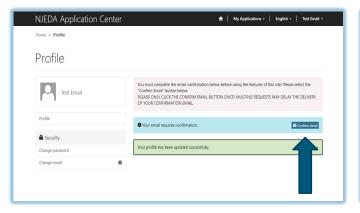


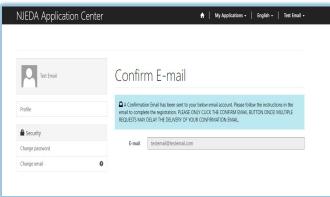
First Time Registrants – Step Three

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.



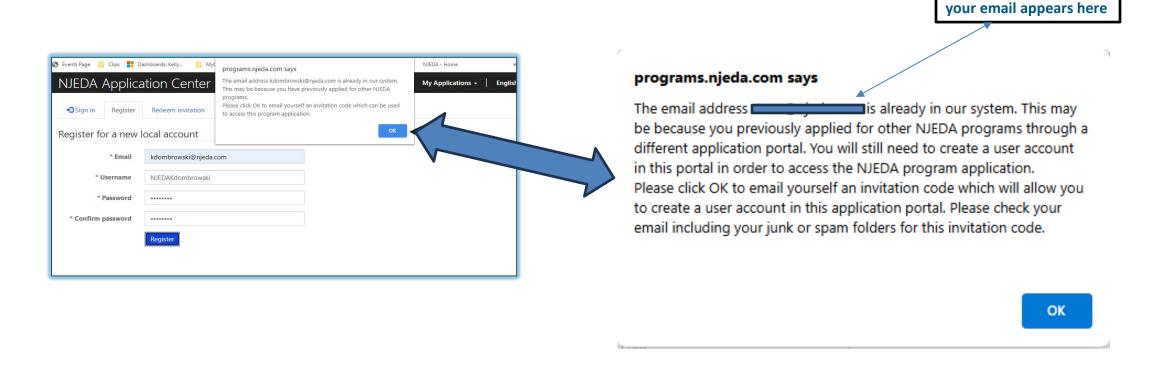






First Time Registrants – <u>Pop-up box</u>

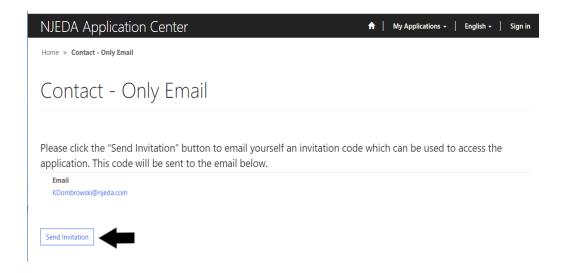
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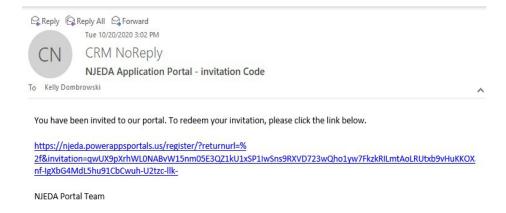


First Time Registrants – *Invitation Code*

Next, dick on "Send Invitation".



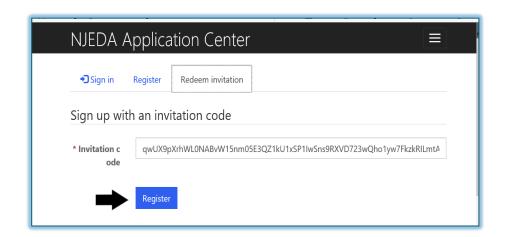
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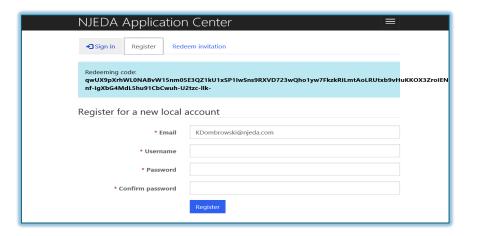




First Time Registrants – *Invitation Code*

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.





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Eligibility Confirmation

The following questions will determine your initial eligibility for the Route 80 Business Assistance Grant Program. Please review them in detail. After reviewing these questions, please attest that you can answer "Yes" to all of the threshold eligibility questions.

If you cannot answer "Yes" to the below, please do not proceed with the application because you will be denied.

Eligibility Questions:

Does the business you are applying for have a physical commercial business location in Morris County, New Jersey?

Did your Business' physical commercial business location sustain revenue loss as a result of the I-80 sinkholes?

Was your business in operation on December 1, 2024?

Was the revenue loss to the commercial business location within Morris County, New Jersey in excess of \$1,000?

You are aware Landlords, Real Estate Holding Companies and Home-Based Businesses are NOT eligible for this program?

I have reviewed the above questions and attest that my business is eligible because I can answer "Yes" to ALL of the above questions. If during the application/review process, it is determined any of the above questions are a "No" your application will be denied. By answering this acknowledgement, you understand this statement and would like to proceed.

My Business meets Eligibility Parameters *



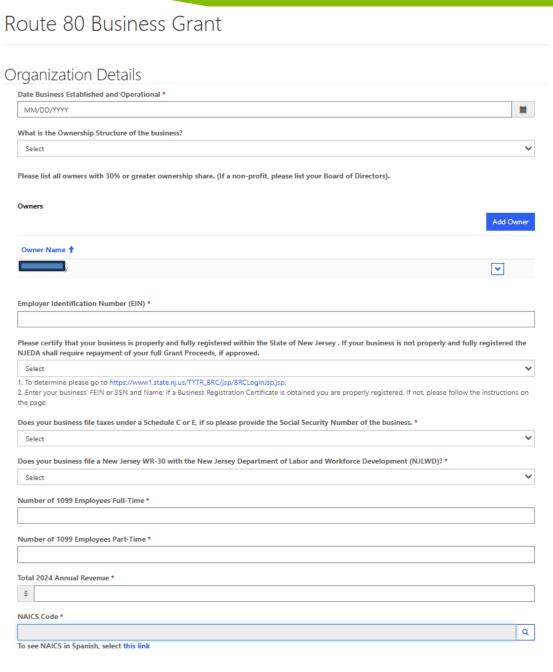
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First Name *	
Last Name *	
Title *	
Phone Number *	
Provide a telephone number	
Website	
Are you an authorized signer for the business entity? *	
Select	~
Legal Registered Business Name *	
Doing Business As (DBA)	
Next	



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Business Address				
Please provide the physical commercial location address impacted by Route 80 sinkholes.				
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Street Address 2				
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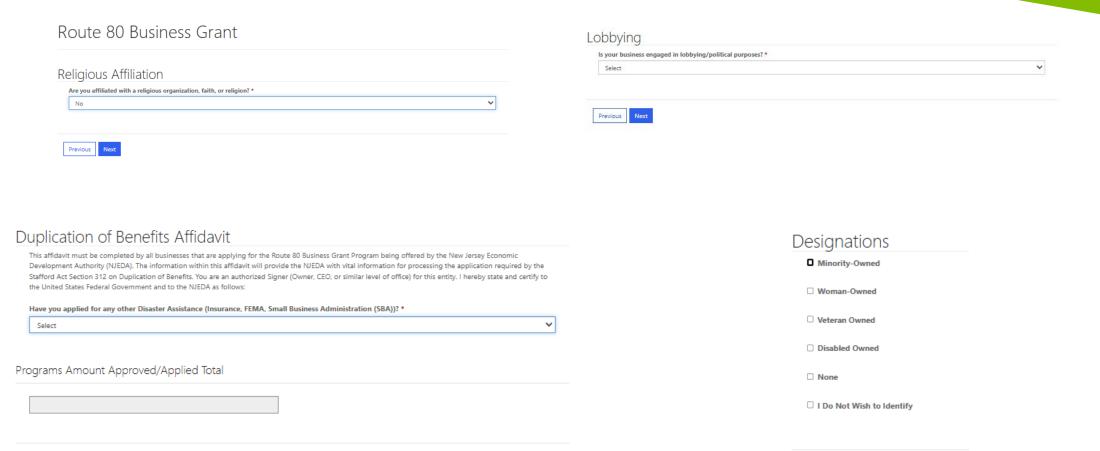


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Business Details Does the entity host gambling or gaming activities (selling lottery tickets or similar activities are not considered gambling and gaming)? * Select Does the entity conduct or purvey "adult" activities, services, products or materials? * Select Does the entity conduct auctions, bankruptcy sales, fire sales, "lost-ourlease", "going-out-of-business", or similar sales? * Select Is the entity a transient merchant ("peddler," "popup store," or "itinerant vendor")? * Select Is the entity an outdoor storage company? * Select Does the entity conduct any activities that may constitute a nuisance? * Select Does the entity conduct business for any illegal purposes? * Select Has the entity applied for or received from the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (NJ-CRC) a license or is an employer of a certified personal use cannabis handler? * Select Previous

Legal Questionnaire Applicants are required to answer the following background questions pertaining to the commission of certain actions that can lead to debarment or disqualification from program eligibility. For purposes of answering these questions, the term "applicant" refers to the entity seeking financial assistance. NOTE: The answers to the Legal Questionnaire in NJEDA's application provide information that NJEDA must assess to decide whether or not to disqualify an applicant. As provided by Executive Order 34 (Byrne 1976) and NJEDA's regulations, an affirmative answer does not automatically disqualify an applicant. Additionally, NJEDA must consider all relevant mitigating factors in determining the seriousness of any matter listed in response to the questionnaire. 1. Been convicted and/or found guilty and/or pled guilty and/or found liable and/or paid a fine or otherwise paid to settle any allegations made by the government in any court to any violation of law, other than minor traffic offenses? * Select 2. Been denied a license or permit required to engage in its business or profession or has any such license or permit or been suspended or revoked by any government? * ~ Select 3. Been suspended, debarred, disqualified, denied a classification rating or prequalification or otherwise been declared not responsible to bid or submit a form of pregualification on or to perform work on any public contractor subcontract? * ~ Select 4. Violated the terms of a public agreement or transaction so seriously as to affect the integrity of an agency program? * v Select 5. Had an injunction, order or lien entered against it in favor of any governmental agency including but not limited to judgments or liens based on taxes assessed or fines and penalties imposed by any government agency? * v Select 6. Is the applicant presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government business with the commission of a violation of law? * Select



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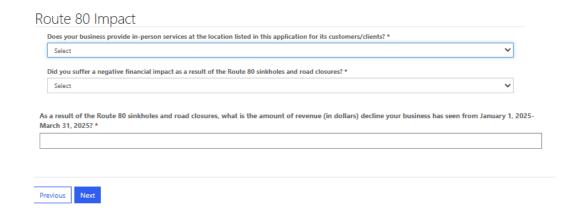
Privacy Act Statement Release Waiver

This statement is provided in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a, note) (93 P.L. 579 (1976)), which requires agencies to inform persons when confidential information is requested. The Economic Development Authority ("EDA") requests your authorization to receive information from your New Jersey Gross Income, Corporation Business Tax, and Sales and Use Tax returns with the principal intention to provide EDA with the ability to confirm eligibility for financial grants as authorized by New Jersey law, or any other Disaster/Emergency Related laws or Programs administered by the NJEDA, to confirm grant eligibility for aid administered by EDA pursuant to NJ.S.A. 34:18-5(jj).

Disclosure of your confidential Gross Income, Corporation Business or Sales and Use Tax returns and return information, including your taxpayer identification number (i.e., TIN and/or SSN), is voluntary to confirm grant eligibility. Declining to do so could result in a delay in the review of your application, and additional information from you may be required. By signing the waiver below, you consent and agree to such disclosure and use as set forth above, and waive all claims, whether known now or in the future, related thereto.

□ I, am agent for this entity, hereby request, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:50-9(a), the Disclosure Officer of the New Jersey Division of Taxation to disclose information from the Gross Income, Corporation Business or Sales and Use Tax returns for this entity for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024 to the Economic Development Authority ("EDA") to verify grant eligibility for any Disaster/Emergency related laws or executive orders. I authorize the Division to accept photocopies of this Authorization. This Authorization shall remain in effect for ninety days from the date of signature. I certify that to my knowledge, I personally caused or have the authority to cause the requested returns to be filed with the New Jersey Division of Taxation. I am aware that any person violating N.J.S.A. 54:50-8 by divulging, disclosing or misusing information found in the records of the Director is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment. *

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Certification of Application

The Authority reserves the right to require additional clarifying or explanatory information from the applicant ("Applicant") regarding the answers given. If, at any time prior to board action or approval on this application, or, at any time between the date of such action and the execution of a grant agreement with the Authority, the Applicant should become aware of any facts that materially alter or change such answers, or render any of them incomplete, the Applicant shall have a duty to immediately report such facts to the Authority in writing.

Eligibility of financial assistance by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) is determined by the information presented in this application. Any changes in the status of the proposed project from the facts presented herein could disqualify the project. Only NJEDA Board Members, or staff pursuant to authority delegated by the NJEDA Board, of the governing may take action to determine project eligibility and to authorize the issuance of funds.

I. THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULY SWORN UPON MY OATH SAY:

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULF SWORN OPON INT OATH SAT.
1. I understand that if such information is willfully false, I am subject to criminal prosecution under N.J.S.A. 2C:28-2 and civil action by the NJEDA which may at its option terminate its financial assistance. *
2. I authorize the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety to verify any answer(s) contained herein through a search of its records, or records to which it has access, and to release the results of said research to the EDA. *
☐ 3. I certify that as of December 1, 2024 the Applicant firm operated at a commercial business location within the State of New Jersey. *
☐ 4. I certify that the Applicant suffered negative financial harm as a result of the Route 80 sinkholes. *
□ 5. I certify that the Applicant has a negative financial impact of at least \$1000 as a result of the Route 80 sinkholes. *
☐ 6. I certify that the Applicant is currently operational or will become operational after reopening of Route 80. *
7. I certify that the Applicant is in good standing with the State of New Jersey's Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation (e.g. the firm has filed all mandatory Annual Reports and is current on obligations). Should the Applicant have a reporting deficiency or an outstanding obligation to the Division of Taxation, the NJEDA or the Division may seek repayment of the grant. *
8. I certify that the Applicant is fully and properly registered with the State of New Jersey. Should the Applicant not be properly registered the NJEDA or the Division of Taxation may seek repayment of the grant. *
 9. I authorize the NJEDA to provide information submitted to it by or on behalf of the Applicant to any bank or State agency which might participate in the requested grant with the NJEDA. *
□ 10. I acknowledge and understand that Title 18 United States Code Section 1001: (1) makes it a violation of federal law for a person to knowingly and willfully (a) falsify, conceal, or cover up a material fact; (b) make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; OR (c) make or use any false writing or document knowing it contains a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, to any branch of the United States Government; and (2) requires a fine, imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both, which may be ruled a felony, for any violation of such Section. *
□ 11. I authorize that an electronic signature of this Application and any Approval Letter or Grant Agreement shall be a binding on the parties. *

Electronic Signature

I authorize the NJEDA to provide information submitted to it by or on behalf of the applicant to any bank or State agency which might participate in the requested grant with the NJEDA.

If any information, documentation, or statements provided in this application are found to be misrepresented, altered, or unverifiable, the application will be declined. Additionally, such matters may be escalated for further legal action.

I understand that if such information is willfully false, I am subject to criminal prosecution under N.J.S.A. 2C:28-2 and civil action by the NJEDA which may at its option terminate its financial assistance.

Pursuant to written policy, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority allows documents to be signed electronically and hereby agrees to be bound by such electronic signatures. Please confirm that you, as a signatory to this document, also agree to be bound by electronic signatures.

□ I agree to be bound by electronic signatures. *	 I am an Authorized Signer for this organization and I accept the above terms and conditions. *
☐ Please confirm your EIN is correct * If your EIN is not correct, please select the Previous button until you have returned to the Organization Details page and correct your EIN.	The NJEDA will communicate updates, status and Agreements regarding yo application at the registered email address above. Please continue to check all your email folders (spam, junk, etc.) for these communications.
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