



## 2024 Hurricane Helene USDA Block Grant: Infrastructure Loss Application

This funding is authorized under The Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025 (Division B of the American Relief Act, 2025 (the Act; P.L. 118-158)). On behalf of Secretary Rollins, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Farm Service Agency (FSA) agreed to provide funding (Relief Funds) to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) in accordance with the terms of the Agreement for Distribution to Eligible Producers that Suffered Eligible Losses as a Consequence of Hurricane Helene Occurring in Calendar Year 2024.

These relief funds cover eligible producers who suffered eligible infrastructure losses to livestock, poultry, aquaculture facilities, barns, greenhouses, packinghouses, immovable equipment, above-ground and immediately below the surface irrigation, on-farm roads, culverts and bridges. A payment factor will be applied based on the availability of funds through this block grant program. NCDA&CS will use appraisal guides and software services to establish values of structures or immovable equipment. The loss value of immovable equipment will be accessed based on the date of September 27, 2024. The loss value of farm facilities, barns, greenhouses, packinghouses will be determined by appraisal based on a square foot or invoices or estimates of repair costs and determined on the value that is lessor of.

NCDA&CS will utilize North Carolina Division of Soil and Water and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service price lists for standard repairs for road, bridges and culverts. Repairs that exceed standard pricing levels will be evaluated and verified on an individual basis using contractor estimates, invoices, and site visits.

Losses covered must be verifiable and not covered by insurance or any other federal or state disaster programs in one of the 39 counties declared a disaster under the Stafford Act as a result of Hurricane Helene. Eligibility for structures is limited to structures that there is evidence that supports that a crop, aquaculture, or eligible livestock were housed in the structures within the 12 months prior to Hurricane Helene.

*Click "Next" to continue to the application.*

**This is a Farm Owner/Operator specific application. All inputs in this application will cover all counties related to losses due to Hurricane Helene.**

**This application is for all Verifiable Infrastructure Losses associated with HELENE within the designated counties below. Losses include review of Farm Structures,**

# Greenhouses, Roads, Bridges, Culverts, Irrigation, and Immovable Equipment.

Be sure to remember your username and password.

Once you have created your New User account, you must log back in with your credentials as a Returning User.

Please use only one application per Tax Identification Number per county.\*

\*For example, only use your Tax ID for Avery County once, but you may use it again for a separate application for Caldwell County.

All items marked with a red asterisk (\*) are required. You will not be able to advance to the next page if all required fields are not complete or are incorrectly entered.

All uploads must be in .PDF, .GIF, .JPG, or .JPEG formats.

(Click [here](#) to learn how to change your phone's camera settings to be compatible with this application.)

Do NOT use the browser arrows to navigate this form.

If a field includes additional information, you may access it by hovering over the "?" icon as shown below:



To return to a previous screen, select the "Previous" button as shown below:

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To advance to the next screen, select the "Next" button as shown below:

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To ensure all inputs are saved, select the "Save Progress" button as shown below:

Save Progress

Prior to exiting the application, select "Save Progress" to save your work. This will allow you to return to the form at a later time using your username

## USDA Block Grant Agricultural Disaster Infrastructure Loss Program 2024

### HURRICANE HELENE VERIFIABLE LOSSES

#### Applicant Verification Affidavit

By my signature, I certify the following:

The undersigned agree(s) that 1) all statements made in this application are made for the purpose of obtaining relief payments from the USDA block grant program administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service (NCDA&CS) pertaining to infrastructure loss; 2) the loss being verified and documented was mine; 3) verification and audit of the information provided in the application may be made at any time; 4) institutions will rely on the information provided and I have a continuing obligation to amend the information provided if any of the facts change; 5) I must retain financial and other records relating to the relief funds for a period of 3 years after completion of the distribution of the relief funds or until final resolution of any audit findings or litigation claims relating to the distribution of funds, whichever is later; and 6) failure to provide access to required documentation will result in a breach of agreement in which I will be responsible for refunding all relief payments to NCDA&CS.

I hereby authorize NCDA&CS to have access to all information, files, documents and records kept by FEMA, SBA, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, USDA, USDA RMA, and other agencies or entities providing disaster assistance for the designated counties. The authorization includes the release of any information, files, documents, and records deemed confidential and extends to all information, files, documents, and records otherwise considered confidential under any Federal and State Privacy Acts. This authorization shall include, but is not limited to, the right to inspect, copy or otherwise utilize, or obtain clarification or opinion regarding said information, files, documents and records, as it deemed necessary to verify or authenticate information provided in your application for relief payments.

I understand that if I intentionally make false statements or conceal any information in an attempt to falsely obtain relief payments, it is a violation of Federal and State laws, which carry severe criminal and civil penalties. I authorize the State of North Carolina, NCDA&CS, to verify all information given by me about my loss and any other criteria in order to determine my eligibility for disaster relief assistance. Further, I authorize and direct all custodians of records of any insurance company, private estimator, and/or any public or private agency, bank, financial or credit data service to release information to NCDA&CS and their representatives upon request as it relates to verifying or authenticating information provided for disaster relief assistance.

I hereby authorize NCDA&CS to share my application, data, and other relevant documents with USDA FSA and USDA RMA or any other government agency that reasonably requests such information.

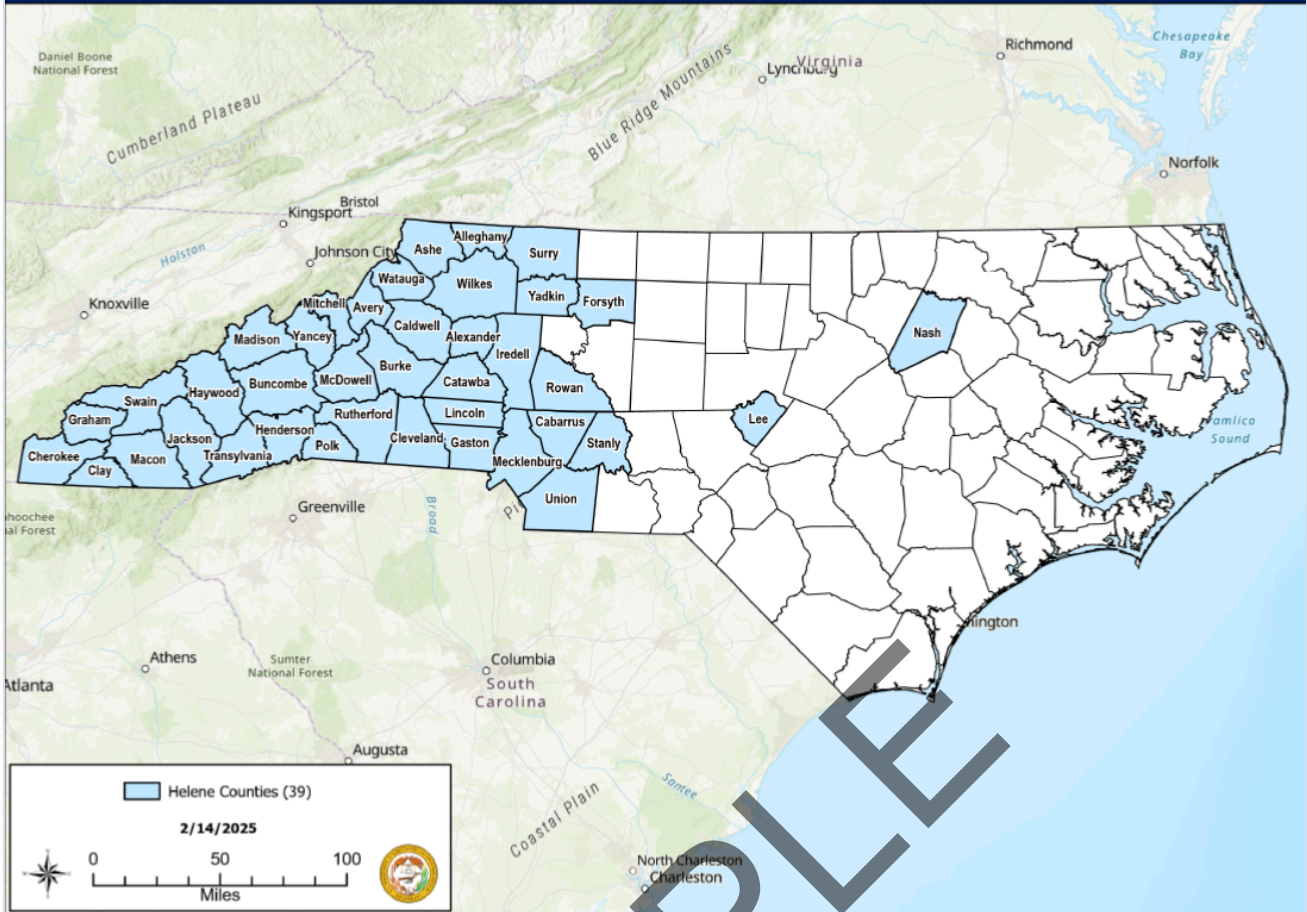
**I acknowledge that providing my electronic approval is equivalent to signing this document and I understand that my electronic signature is binding. \***

Yes

No

Type your Full Name: \* [?](#)

# Presidential Declared Counties for Helene 2024



Select the county in which the Farm Owner or Operator is located: \*

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You have selected that the Farm Owner or Operator is located in [pipe:513] County. Is this correct? \*

- Yes
- No

Select the "Previous" button at the bottom of the page to go back and review your selection.

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All inputs in this application must be tied to a single Social Security Number (SSN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN). You may be required to submit a Federal IRS form W9 for the purpose of matching IRS tax records.

Select the appropriate federal tax classification: \*

- Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
- C Corporation
- S Corporation
- Partnership

- Trust/estate
- Limited Liability Company

Enter the tax classification: \*

- C Corporation
- S Corporation
- Partnership

**Tax ID Info: List the Individual's Name as shown on your income tax return:**  
*This name should correspond to your USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Record.  
In other words, this name should be exactly what is listed when you file your taxes.*

First \*

Middle Initial \*

Last \*

Enter the Social Security Number (SSN) that corresponds with the name listed above. (No Dashes) \*

**Tax ID Info: List the Business' Name as shown on your income tax return:**  
*This name should correspond to your USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Record.  
In other words, this name should be exactly what is listed when you file your taxes. \**

Enter the Employer Identification Number (EIN) that corresponds with the name listed above. (No Dashes) \*

List a valid contact name for the business:

First \*

Middle Initial \*

Last \*

Mailing Address \*

City \*

State \*

North Carolina ▼

Zip Code \*

Phone Number (No Dashes) \*

Email Address \*

Re-enter Email Address \*

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I applied for the previous NC Agricultural Disaster Crop Loss Program for Hurricane Helene and agree to allow NCDA&CS to use my information submitted to that program along with any additional related agricultural losses submitted for this block USDA grant program. \*

- Yes  
 No

Please enter your Reference Number from the State Funded Helene Disaster Application. If you have multiple reference numbers, list only one.

Do you have more than one reference number? \*

- Yes  
 No

Enter another reference number:

If you completed the NC Agricultural Disaster Crop Loss Program for Hurricane Helene and wish to use only that data without further review or modification for this USDA Block Grant application, you may proceed to the end. To do this, select "yes" at the top of each page for which you wish to apply, and proceed without manually entering the information. Otherwise, please complete this application manually and submit.

If you completed the NC Agricultural Disaster Crop Loss Program for Hurricane Helene and wish to apply also for pond and/or streambank repair, please complete this page. Otherwise, please complete this application manually and submit.

You have selected that you did NOT apply previously to the North Carolina Agricultural Disaster Program. This program includes infrastructure losses to movable equipment, debris removal, streambank repair, and pond repair. Would you like to apply for the infrastructure portion of the State Disaster Program at this time? \*

- Yes  
 No

You have selected that you DID apply previously to the North Carolina Agricultural Disaster Program. Did you experience infrastructure damages that you did not report on that application, such as damage to streambanks or ponds used for agricultural production that you would like to apply for at this time? Note: this is part of the North Carolina Agricultural Disaster Program. \*

Yes

No

You are about to complete the infrastructure portion of the North Carolina Agricultural Disaster Program within this USDA Block Grant application. Note that this page of the application is separate from the others as this pertains only to the State Disaster Program. After you have completed this page, you may progress to the USDA Block Grant Application on the next page. Would you like to proceed? \*

Yes

No

Please click "Next" to proceed on to the USDA Block Grant Application.

**By my signature, I certify the following:**

The undersigned agree(s) that 1.) all statements made in this verification and documentation are made for the purpose of obtaining Hurricane Helene only Infrastructure, Equipment, Farm Roads assistance. 2) the loss being verified and documented was mine; 3) verification and audit of information provided may be made at any time, and 4) institutions will rely on the information provided and I have a continuing obligation to amend the information provided if any of the facts change.

I hereby authorize the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to have access to all information, files, documents, and records kept by FEMA, SBA, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, USDA, and other agencies or entities providing disaster assistance for the disaster designated counties. The authorization includes the release of any information, files, documents and records deemed confidential and extends to all information, files, documents and records otherwise considered confidential under any Federal and State Privacy Acts. This authorization shall include but is not limited to, the right to inspect, copy or otherwise utilize, or obtain clarification or opinion regarding said information, files, documents and records, as it is deemed necessary to verify or authenticate information provided in your application for hurricane relief assistance.

I understand that if I intentionally make false statements or conceal any information in an attempt to falsely obtain hurricane relief assistance, it is a violation of Federal and State laws, which carry severe criminal and civil penalties. I authorize the State of North Carolina, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to verify all information given by me about my loss and any other criteria in order to determine my eligibility for agricultural disaster assistance. Further, I authorize and direct all custodians of records of any insurance company, private estimator, and/or any public or private agency, bank, financial or credit data service to release information to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and their representatives upon request as it relates to verifying or authenticating information provided for hurricane relief assistance.

**I acknowledge that providing my electronic approval is equivalent to signing this document and I understand that my electronic signature is binding. \***

Yes

No

Type your Full Name: \* 

Physical location of damaged access infrastructure: \*

A member of our team will be reaching out to you for additional verification of infrastructure loss.

Thank you for completing the application for the North Carolina Agricultural Disaster Program. You are now proceeding on to the USDA Block Grant application.

## USDA Block Grant Application

Are you reporting damage or destruction to permanent farm structures due to the effects of Hurricane Helene? \*

Yes

No

Permanent Farm Structures housing Livestock or Crop Storage within the 12 months prior to September 27th, 2024:

General Purpose Barn(s) with NO flooring and NO electricity

Total Combined Sq. ft. of Structure(s): \*

General Purpose Barn(s) with EITHER flooring OR electricity

Total Combined Sq. ft. of Structure(s): \*

General Purpose Barn(s) with BOTH flooring AND electricity

Total Combined Sq. ft. of Structure(s): \*

Trench Silo(s) with a concrete floor and NO permanent walls (e.g., use of earth or temporary side structures)

Total Combined Sq. ft. of Structure(s): \*

Trench Silo(s) with a concrete floor AND permanent walls (e.g., poured concrete or block walls)

Total Combined Sq. ft. of Structure(s): \*

On-Farm Storage of Commodities (i.e. Packing Houses)

Total Combined Sq. ft. of Structure(s): \*

Structures housing specialty operations (i.e. milking parlor, processing, etc.)

Please describe the features of your specialty operation structure(s):

**\*\*Include the Square Footage of each structure.\*\***

Ex: 1,000 sq. ft. Milking Parlor with heating, electricity and flooring, etc. \*

0/250 characters

Other, please describe:

Please describe the features of your other farm structure(s):

**\*\*Include the Square Footage of each structure.\*\***

0/250 characters

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Are you reporting damage or destruction to greenhouses, high tunnels, or cold frame structures due to the effects of Hurricane Helene? \*

Yes

No

Permanent Farm Structures, i.e. greenhouses, high tunnels, or cold frame structures housing Plants/Crops within the 12 months prior to September 27th, 2024:

Glass Greenhouse(s)

Please describe the features of your glass greenhouse(s), i.e. electricity, heating/fans, benches, irrigation, etc:

**List each item individually, including Square Footage of each structure.** \*

0/250 characters

Plastic Greenhouse(s)

Please describe the features of your plastic greenhouse(s), i.e. electricity, heating/fans, benches, irrigation, etc:

List each item individually, including Square Footage of each structure.\*

0/250 characters

High Tunnel(s)

Please describe the features of your high tunnel(s), i.e. electricity, heating/fans, benches, irrigation, etc:

List each item individually, including Square Footage of each structure.\*

0/250 characters

Cold Frame(s)

Please describe the features of your cold frame(s), i.e. electricity, heating/fans, benches, irrigation, etc:

List each item individually, including Square Footage of each structure.\*

0/250 characters

Other, please describe:

Please describe the features of your other structure(s), i.e. electricity, heating/fans, benches, irrigation, etc:

List each item individually, including Square Footage of each structure.\*

0/250 characters

Are you reporting damage or destruction to aquaculture structures that were destroyed or damaged as a result of Hurricane Helene?

Note, this applies only to aquaculture used for commercial production.\*

Yes

No

Structures housing Commercial Aquaculture within the 12 months prior to September 27th, 2024:

Please describe the features of your aquaculture structure(s):  
List each item individually, including Square Footage of each structure. \*

0/250 characters

Total Combined Sq. ft. of Structure(s):

Are you reporting damage or destruction to poultry structures that were destroyed or damaged as a result of Hurricane Helene?

Note, this applies only to poultry used for commercial production. \*

- Yes  
 No

Structures housing Commercial Poultry within the 12 months prior to September 27th, 2024:

Please describe the features of your poultry structure(s):  
List each item individually, including Square Footage of each structure. \*

0/250 characters

Total Combined Sq. ft. of Structure(s):

Are you reporting damage or destruction to farm roads, culverts, or bridges that were destroyed or damaged as a result of Hurricane Helene?

Note, the road/culvert/bridge must provide passage to a place of crop or livestock production/storage within the 12 months leading up to September 27th, 2024. \*

- Yes  
 No

Roads, Culverts, and Bridges leading to Livestock/Crop Production or Storage within the 12 months prior to September 27th, 2024:

Damaged Farm Road(s) with NO Culverts and NO bridges

Linear Feet of Damage: \*

Width of Road(s) in Feet: \*

Damaged Farm Road(s) with Culverts

Linear Feet of Damage: \*

Width of Road(s) in Feet: \*

Number of Culvert(s): \*

Diameter of Culvert(s) in Inches: \*

Damaged Farm Bridge(s)

Linear Feet of Damage: \*

Width of Bridge(s) in Feet: \*

Please list which of these roads and/or bridges have been a) Not Yet Started, b) Partially or Temporarily Completed, and c) Completed. Please list each one individually and describe their completion status. Additionally, list how many places in each bridge/road were damaged. \*

For assistance with your Farm Tract Number and/or FSA map, please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation district office. For a list of local offices and their phone numbers, use this [link](#). Once you open the link, for easy navigation, click "Ctrl + F." This will bring up a search box that you may then type your county's name into. Use the "enter" key on your keyboard to search across the document to find your county name listed in bold at the top left of the page. You may locate their phone number and website URL at the top left of that same page.

List your FSA Farm Tract Number(s) where road or bridge damage has occurred:

Please provide the latitude of the location of your roads/bridges/culverts in decimal degrees:

Example: 35.420305

Please provide the longitude of the location of your roads/bridges/culverts in decimal degrees:

Example: -82.541605

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Are you reporting damage or destruction to above ground irrigation or irrigation immediately below the surface that was destroyed or damaged as a result of Hurricane Helene?

**Note: This does not include irrigation well pumps or irrigation header lines.\***

Yes

No

**Above ground or immediately below the surface irrigation in use within the 12 months prior to September 27th, 2024:**

Above ground irrigation

Linear Feet of Damage:\*

Irrigation immediately below the surface, i.e. drip irrigation

Linear Feet of Damage:\*

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### Farm Structures, Greenhouses, Roads, Bridges, Culverts, Irrigation, and Immovable Equipment Inputs:

General Purpose Barn(s) with NO flooring and NO electricity sq. ft. = [pipe:30]

General Purpose Barn(s) with EITHER flooring OR electricity sq. ft. = [pipe:32]

General Purpose Barn(s) with BOTH flooring AND electricity sq. ft. = [pipe:34]

Trench Silo(s) with a concrete floor and NO permanent walls (e.g., use of earth or temporary side structures) sq. ft. = [pipe:36]

Trench Silo(s) with a concrete floor AND permanent walls (e.g., poured concrete or block walls) sq. ft. = [pipe:791]

On-Farm Storage of Commodities (i.e. Packing Houses) sq. ft. = [pipe:804]

Structures housing specialty operations (i.e. milking parlor, processing, etc.) = Yes, description provided.

Other, please describe = Yes, description provided.

Glass Greenhouse(s) = Yes, description provided.

Plastic Greenhouse(s) = Yes, description provided.

High Tunnel(s) = Yes, description provided.

Cold Frame(s) = Yes, description provided.

Other, please describe = Yes, description provided.

Commercial Aquaculture Structures = Yes, description provided.

Total Square Foot of Commercial Aquaculture Structure(s) = [pipe:824]

Commercial Poultry Structures = Yes, description provided.

Total Square Foot of Commercial Poultry Structure(s) = [pipe:828]

Damaged Farm Road with NO Culverts and NO bridges linear ft. of damage = [pipe:52]

Damaged Farm Road with NO Culverts and NO bridges width of road(s) in feet = [pipe:905]

Damaged Farm Road with Culverts linear ft. of damage = [pipe:54]

Damaged Farm Road with Culverts width of road(s) in feet = [pipe:904]

Number of Culverts = [pipe:914]

Diameter of Culverts = [pipe:915]

Damaged Farm Bridge linear ft. of damage = [pipe:727]

Damaged Farm Bridge width of bridge(s) in feet = [pipe:902]

Above ground irrigation linear ft. of damage = [pipe:733]

Irrigation immediately below the surface, i.e. drip irrigation linear ft. of damage = [pipe:735]

Are the above reported inputs correct? \*

Yes

No

Include physical address(es) for each reported infrastructure item damaged: \*

Upload map(s) of physical address(es) listed above: ?

Choose Files No file chosen

Select the "Previous" button at the bottom of the page to go back and review your inputs.

**On the next page, please review your application and ensure it is correct and complete before submitting.**

## Confirmation Page

**Please review the following responses to ensure they are correct. If you need to make changes, please navigate to previous pages using the "Previous" button below.**

### **Farm Structures, Greenhouses, Roads, Bridges, Culverts, Irrigation, and Immovable Equipment Damages Reported:**

General Purpose Barn(s) with NO flooring and NO electricity sq. ft. = [pipe:30]

General Purpose Barn(s) with EITHER flooring OR electricity sq. ft. = [pipe:32]

General Purpose Barn(s) with BOTH flooring AND electricity sq. ft. = [pipe:34]

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Above ground irrigation linear ft. of damage = [pipe:733]

Irrigation immediately below the surface, i.e. drip irrigation linear ft. of damage = [pipe:735]

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[pipe:513] County

Appropriate federal tax classification: [pipe:9]

Tax classification: [pipe:10]

Individual Name as shown on your income tax return: [pipe:806] [pipe:807] [pipe:808]

Social Security Number that corresponds with the name listed above: [pipe:21]

Business Name as shown on your income tax return: [pipe:809]

Employer Identification Number that corresponds with the name listed above: [pipe:810]

Valid contact name for the business: [pipe:812] [pipe:813] [pipe:814]

Mailing Address: [pipe:14]

City: [pipe:16]

State: [pipe:17]

Zip Code: [pipe:18]

Phone Number: [pipe:19]

Email Address: [pipe:20]

If the items above are correct, please click "Submit" at the bottom of the screen to submit your application. On the success screen, please retain your reference number and print your application for your records.

A copy of the application will be sent to the email address listed above.



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