



Rhode Island Commerce: Business Resilience

EC4 Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

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Rhode Island Commerce - Resiliency Manager

The 2024 EC4 Spending Plan allocated \$200,000 to Rhode Island Commerce to support the following activities:



**Provide direct
outreach and
technical support to
the business
community**



**Assist businesses in
navigating and
accessing available
incentive programs**



**Support the
implementation of
practices that reduce
greenhouse gas
emissions and
strengthen resilience**



Small Business Resiliency Resources

Small Business Resiliency Resource Hub

[website](#)



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Small Business Resiliency

Help Us Improve Resiliency Resources for Rhode Island Small Businesses

We want to hear from you! Take our quick [Business Resiliency Survey](#) to share your feedback on the tools and resources provided here. Your input will help improve what's available, guide future programs, and ensure small businesses across the state have the support they need to prepare for and recover from challenges.

Why It Matters

Small businesses are the backbone of Rhode Island's economy. Taking steps today to prepare ensures

Small Business Resiliency Tri-fold



Ready, Set, Rhody Project



Ready, Set, Rhody

An Initiative to Identify Flood Risks and Establish Strategies for Addressing Flood Vulnerabilities in Main Street Districts Across RI

December 23, 2025

Ready, Set, Rhody

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Use the QR code
to access the
project [website](#)

Small Business Survey

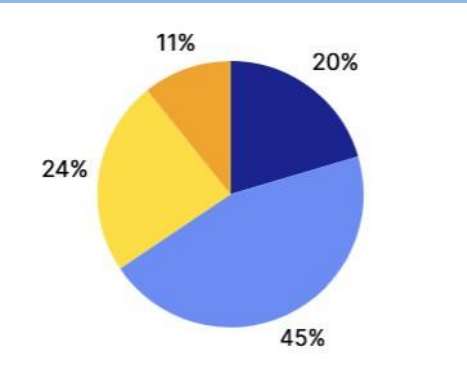
Small business owners across Rhode Island shared their feedback on resiliency tools and resources. Their input will help shape future programs, improve available supports, and better equip businesses to prepare for and recover from challenges.

[Visit the Dashboard](#)



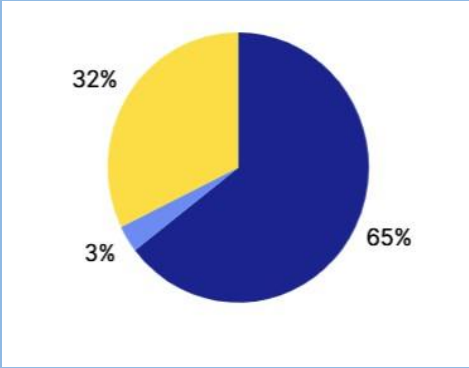
93 businesses surveyed
across 17 municipalities

Business Preparedness
Sentiment



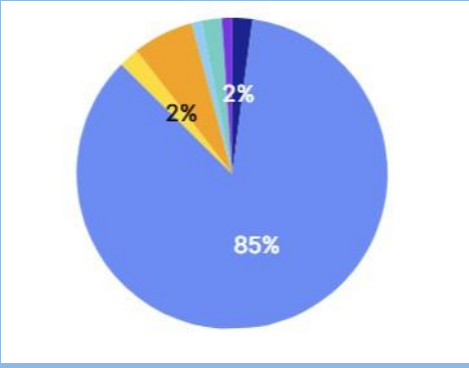
45% of businesses do not feel prepared at all for a business disruption related to a natural disaster

Experienced Business
Disruption



65% of small businesses have experienced disruption due to inclement weather or natural disaster

Received Business
Assistance



85% of small businesses have never accessed an assistance program after an extreme weather event/ natural disaster

2026 Priorities

Our top priorities for 2026 to keep the work moving forward and strengthen support for Rhode Island businesses.

01

2026 Energy Efficiency Grant Program

The grant program opened on March 19, 2026. As of June 10, all available funding has been allocated.

02

Website & Collateral

Expand website content and outreach materials to ensure information is current, accessible, and aligned with evolving programs and business needs.

03

Business Community Outreach

Expand distribution of the business resiliency survey through multiple channels, including newsletters and partner networks. Find creative approaches to increase engagement and participation.

04

Ready, Set, Rhody: Next Steps

Support municipalities in identifying and accessing funding opportunities by advancing next steps for the Ready, Set, Rhody initiative and strengthening connections to available resources.