



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

***Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes***

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## **SBA’s Deadline for Physical Damage Loans For Private Non-Profit Organizations Is June 22**

**ATLANTA** – The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds eligible Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature of the **June 22, 2009**, deadline to submit disaster loan applications for physical damages caused by severe storms, flooding, tornadoes and straight-line winds that occurred from March 26 through April 13, 2009.

Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) located in the counties of Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Calhoun, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe, Montgomery, Pierce, Pulaski, Seminole, Tattnall, Telfair, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Turner, Upson, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox and Worth in Georgia are eligible to apply to SBA. Eligible PNPs are those that provide non critical services such as: food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges.

These organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The SBA also offers mitigation funds to disaster victims based on 20 percent of the verified physical damage. These funds are designed to help borrowers pay for protective measures to minimize damages of the same kind in the future.

The SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help PNPs of all sizes meet working capital needs, such as ongoing operating expenses. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the PNP suffered any physical property damage.

Interest rates are as low as 4 percent with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

“PNP organizations are urged to contact their County Emergency Managers to obtain information about local briefings. At the meeting, PNP representatives will need to provide information about their organization,” said Frank Skaggs, Director of SBA Field Operations Center East.

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This information will be used to submit a "Request for Public Assistance" which FEMA uses to determine if the PNP provides an essential governmental service and meets the definition of a "critical facility." Based on that conclusion, FEMA will either refer the PNP to SBA for disaster loan assistance or possibly provide a "Public Assistance" reimbursement grant for eligible costs.

Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (for the hearing-impaired 1-800-877-8339) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT or by sending an email to [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Those affected by the disaster may apply for disaster loans from SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>. Applications can also be downloaded from [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to return physical damage applications is **June 22, 2009**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **January 23, 2010**.

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*For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance)*