



U.S. Small Business Administration

DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes
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TIME RUNNING OUT TO APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE; DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SEPTEMBER 28

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding homeowners, renters, non-profit organizations and businesses of all sizes in Florida to submit their disaster loan applications for damage caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred on July 11, 2009. The deadline to file an SBA loan application for physical damage is **September 28**.

Residents and businesses in Brevard, Highlands, Indian River, Lake, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola and Polk counties are eligible to apply for physical disaster assistance.

The SBA offers loans up to \$200,000 to repair disaster damaged primary residences. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to replace personal property such as furniture, appliances and clothing. Loans to businesses and non-profit organizations of all sizes are available up to \$2 million to repair damage to real estate, machinery, inventory and equipment.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are available to small businesses and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Interest rates are as low as 2.437 percent for homeowners and renters and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

The SBA also offers mitigation funds to disaster survivors based on 20 percent of the verified physical damage. These funds are designed to help borrowers pay for protective measures which may prevent damages of the same kind in the future.

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Deadline to Apply is September 28

To obtain program information or a loan application, call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. EDT or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA Web site at 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.

Those affected by the disaster may apply for disaster loans from SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical damage is September 28, 2009. The deadline to return economic injury applications is April 29, 2010.

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For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.