



U.S. Small Business Administration

DISASTER NEWS

Loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes

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SBA Opens Three Additional Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announces today that it is establishing three additional Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs); one in Cobb, Douglas and Gwinnett counties. The establishment of the Centers demonstrates SBA’s commitment to ensure that every qualified individual and business receives the help they need to recover from this disaster.

“Assisting individuals and business owners recover from a disaster is our primary mission,” said Frank Skaggs, Director of SBA Field Operations Center East. “We are encouraging anyone affected by this disaster to visit a center while we still have staff here and to obtain individual assistance with completing their loan applications from our representatives.”

Many residents and businesses that have registered with FEMA for assistance have received an SBA disaster loan application. Completing the loan application and returning it is a crucial step toward disaster recovery. Homeowners and renters unable to obtain a disaster loan from the SBA may be referred to FEMA for additional grant consideration. To be eligible for these grants, applicants must submit their SBA loan application even if they do not want a loan. No one is required to accept a loan.

The Centers locations and hours of operation are:

Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to Open Monday, October 26

Cobb County	Douglas County	Gwinnett County
The Threadmill	Old Douglas County Court House	Mountain Park
5000 Austell/Powder Springs Rd, Suite 120	6754 Broad Street	5055 Five Forks Trickum Road
Austell GA 30106	Douglasville GA 30134	Lilburn GA 30047
Opens: Monday, Oct. 26	Opens: Monday, Oct. 26	Opens: Monday, Oct. 26
Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Existing Centers:

Carroll County	Cherokee County	DeKalb County
Carroll County Annex	Cherokee County Parks & Rec. Gym	Browns Mill Recreation Center
423 College Street	7545 Main Street, Building 200	5101 Browns Mill Road
Carrollton GA 30117	Woodstock GA 30188	Lithonia GA 30058
Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closing: Fri., Oct. 23 at close of business		
		Rockdale County
Fulton County	Paulding County	Rockdale County Gov’t Annex
Fulton County Gov’t Center	Paulding Co. Admin. Bldg.	1400 Parker Road
141 Pryor Street SW	240 Constitution Blvd. 1 st Fl	Conyers GA 30094
Atlanta GA 30303	Dallas GA 30132	Open: Mon-Fri; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Locations of the Business Recovery Centers:

SBA Business Recovery Centers

Cobb County	DeKalb County
Powder Springs Library	Wesley Chapel-Wm C. Brown Library
4181 Atlanta Street – Bldg. 1	2861 Wesley Chapel Road
Powder Springs GA 30127	Decatur GA 33034
Open: Mon-Fri; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Thur; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
	Fri; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Douglas County	Fulton County
Douglas County Chamber of Commerce	Government Service Center
6658 Church Street	7741 Roswell Road
Douglasville GA 30134	Atlanta GA 30350
Open: Mon.-Fri; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Open: Mon-Fri; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property,” Skaggs added.

Businesses of any size and non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, inventory, machinery and equipment. The SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses and private non-profit organizations of all sizes, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) 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 2.750 percent for homeowners and renters, and 4.000 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Anyone unable to visit one of the Centers may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (or 1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired) Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT or send an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications may be downloaded from www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Applications may be returned to one of the Disaster Recovery Centers or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

Georgia residents affected by this disaster may fill out a loan application online by visiting SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **November 23, 2009**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 24, 2010**.

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