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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Adds Four Counties to New Jersey Declaration; Deadline to Apply for Physical Damage Disaster Loans is June 1

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announces today that **Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon and Ocean** counties have been added to the disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature. The deadline to submit disaster loan applications is **June 1** for damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred on March 12 through April 15, 2010.

Non-Profit Organizations located in Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, **Cumberland**, Essex, **Gloucester**, **Hunterdon**, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, **Ocean**, Passaic and Somerset counties in New Jersey are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Examples of eligible non-critical PNP organizations include, but are not limited to, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges.

PNPs 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 may increase a loan up to 20 percent of the total amount of disaster damage to real estate and/or leasehold improvements, as verified by SBA, to make improvements that lessen the risk of property damage by future disasters of the same kind.

The SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to PNPs of all sizes to help 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 3 percent with terms up to 30 years. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

Interested PNPs may obtain disaster loan information and application forms by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Applications can also be downloaded from 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.

PNPs may visit SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> to apply for disaster loans.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **June 1, 2010**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **January 3, 2011**.

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