



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes
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SBA's Deadline for Physical Damage Disaster Loans in Puerto Rico for Private Non-Profit Organizations is August 23

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds eligible Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) of the **August 23** deadline to submit disaster loan applications for damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred on May 26-31, 2010.

Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) located in the Municipalities of Arecibo, Barranquitas, Coamo, Corozal, Dorado, Naranjito, Orocovi, Utuado, Vega Alta and Vega Baja in Puerto Rico are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Eligible PNPs are those that provide non-critical services such as: 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 help meet working capital needs, such as ongoing operating expenses for PNP organizations of all sizes. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Interest rates are as low as 3 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.

Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA's Disaster Assistance 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. EDT or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov. 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 website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **August 23, 2010**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **March 24, 2011**.

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