



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Extends Hours to Saturdays at Holly Disaster Loan Outreach Center

SACRAMENTO – Patricia Barela Rivera, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Colorado District Office today announced that it will extend the hours of service at the Holly Disaster Loan Outreach Center. “SBA Customer Service Representatives will now be on hand to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, and help each individual complete their application on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm,” Rivera said. “The center will continue to be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 am to 6 pm,” she continued.

The outreach center is located at the **Holly Senior Citizens Hall, 129 South Main Street in Holly** and has been open since April 5, one day after Governor Ritter requested SBA declare **Prowers** and the neighboring counties of **Baca, Bent, and Kiowa** in Colorado and **Greeley, Hamilton and Stanton** in Kansas a disaster area that caused severe damage in Holly on March 28.

“Low-interest Federal disaster loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the tornado,” Rivera said. Disaster 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.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. 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 only, 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.

Individuals and business owners unable to visit SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Center may obtain information by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955**. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339. Or visit SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **June 4, 2007**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **January 7, 2008**.

For more information visit SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

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