



U.S. Small Business Administration

DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA DISASTER LOAN ASSISTANCE TOPS \$30 MILLION FOR KANSAS TORNADO VICTIMS

Sacramento, CA – Elizabeth Auer, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Wichita District Office, announced today that SBA has approved over \$30.9 million in disaster loans to Kansas homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that struck May 4 through May 18.

“SBA’s disaster assistance employees are committed to helping Kansas residents and business owners rebuild their homes, their businesses and their lives as fast as possible,” said Auer. “SBA will be here as long as it takes to get the job done,” she added. Individuals and business owners who sustained damages are encouraged to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling the tele-registration number at (800) 621-3362 or (800) 462-7586 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. “Don’t miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help, and remember the filing deadline to return SBA disaster loan applications for property damage is **July 5, 2007**,” she said.

SBA Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) are still available Monday through Saturday 9 am to 6 pm at the following six Disaster Recovery Centers. **All Disaster Recovery Centers will be closed for Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4, 2007**

KIOWA COUNTY GREENSBURG

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC)
211 East Florida Street

KIOWA COUNTY HAVILAND

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)
Barclay College - Hockett Auditorium
100 East Elm Street
Closes on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at 6 pm

RENO COUNTY HUTCHINSON

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC)
2806 West 4th Avenue

LYON COUNTY EMPORIA

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC)
2301 Industrial Road (Wal-Mart parking lot)

SHAWNEE COUNTY TOPEKA

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)
Ramada Downtown Topeka
420 Southeast 6th Avenue

SALINE COUNTY SALINA

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)
Sunset Elementary School
1510 W Republic Avenue

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“At the centers, SBA representatives can issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help each individual complete their application and accept completed applications” said Auer.

Representatives from Kansas Small Business Development Centers (KSBDCs) are also available to help business owners recreate business records and to provide free business counseling. Business owners who want KSBDC assistance in recreating their business records or getting financial counseling, may call KSBDC toll free at NetWork Kansas at (877) 521-8600 from 8 am and 6 pm CDT, Monday through Friday. They should clearly state that their call relates to disaster assistance.

“SBA is the Federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and covers the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations,” she continued.

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 homeowners and businesses to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

SBA also offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs of small businesses, which suffered economic injury relating to the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **February 6, 2008**.

Individuals and business owners unable to visit a Disaster Recovery Center may obtain information by calling the SBA toll-free at **(800) 659-2955** between 8 am and 9 pm EDT, Monday through Friday, or 9 am and 3 pm EDT on Saturday. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339. Individuals and business owners may also visit SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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

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