



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and

Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Howard, Neosho and Wilson Counties

Sacramento, CA – Samuel C. Jones, the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Regional Administrator, announced today that SBA will close its **Howard County** Disaster Loan Outreach Center on **Friday, August 31 at 4:30 pm**. The center is located at the **Elk County Courthouse, 100 N Pine Street in Howard**. SBA will also close its **Neosho County** Disaster Loan Outreach Center on **Thursday, August 30 at 5:30 pm**. The center is located at the **Erie Public Library, 204 South Butler Street, in Erie**; and will close its **Wilson County** Disaster Loan Outreach Center on **Tuesday, September 4 at 4:30 pm**. The center is located at the **Neodesha City Hall, 1407 N 8th Street, in Neodesha**.

All individuals and business owners who have received an SBA application are encouraged to return it to one of the centers before they close. “Low-interest Federal disaster loans from SBA are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the severe storms and flooding,” said Jones.

“So far, SBA has approved over \$20.3 million in low-interest disaster loans for Kansas residents and businesses affected by severe storms and flooding that occurred June 26 through July 25. This is in addition to over \$41.4 million in low-interest disaster loans SBA approved for Kansas residents and business affected by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred May 4 through June 1,” Jones continued.

Disaster loans of 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 business owners to help with the cost of making improvements that 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.

SBA disaster customer service representatives are still available at Disaster Loan Outreach Centers and Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the disaster area to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s Disaster Loan program, explain the application process, and help each individual complete their application. No appointment is necessary. Individuals and businesses who sustained losses from the severe weather that began on June 26, can speak with SBA representatives at the following locations on the days and times indicated.

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<p align="center"><u>Allen County</u> IOLA</p> <p align="center">Disaster Recovery Center St. John's Parish Center 315 South Street</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm Closed Labor Day Weekend Saturday through Monday</p>	<p align="center"><u>Cowley County</u> WINFIELD</p> <p align="center">Disaster Loan Outreach Center District Office USD-465 1407 Wheat Road</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Closed Labor Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>Elk County</u> HOWARD</p> <p align="center">Disaster Loan Outreach Center Elk County Courthouse 100 N Pine Street</p> <p align="center">Fridays 8 am – 4:30 pm Closes: Friday, August 31 COB</p>
<p align="center"><u>Miami County</u> OSAWATOMIE</p> <p align="center">Disaster Recovery Center Osawatomie High School 1200 Trojan Drive</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm Closed Labor Day Weekend Saturday through Monday</p>	<p align="center"><u>Montgomery County</u> COFFEEVILLE</p> <p align="center">Disaster Recovery Center Coffeeville Community College 600 Roosevelt Street, Rooms 210 & 211</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm Closed Labor Day Weekend Saturday through Monday</p>	<p align="center"><u>Montgomery County</u> INDEPENDENCE</p> <p align="center">Disaster Recovery Center Memorial Hall 410 N Pennsylvania Avenue Rooms 104 & 107</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm Closed Labor Day Weekend Saturday through Monday</p>
<p align="center"><u>Neosho County</u> ERIE</p> <p align="center">Disaster Loan Outreach Center Erie Public Library 204 South Butler Street</p> <p align="center">Wednesdays and Thursdays 8 am – 5:30 pm Closes: Thursday, August 31 COB</p>	<p align="center"><u>Wilson County</u> NEODESHA</p> <p align="center">Disaster Loan Outreach Center Neodesha City Hall 1407 N 8th Street</p> <p align="center">Mondays and Tuesdays 8 am – 4:30 pm Closed Labor Day Closes: Tuesday, September 4 COB</p>	

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To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at (800) 621-3362.

SBA disaster assistance information is available by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955, or by visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **September 4, 2007**. The EIDL deadline is **April 7, 2008**.

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

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