



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Nowata and Washington Counties

Sacramento, CA – Dorothy Overal, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Oklahoma office, announced today that SBA will close its **Nowata County** Disaster Loan Outreach Center on **Friday, August 31 at 6:00 pm**. The center is located at the **New City Hall, 419 Willow Street in South Coffeyville**. SBA will also close its **Washington County** Disaster Loan Outreach Center on **Tuesday, September 4 at 6:00 pm**. The center is located at the **Bartlesville Public Library, 600 S Johnstone Avenue, in Bartlesville**.

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, flooding and tornadoes that occurred June 10 through July 25,” said Overal.

“So far, SBA has approved nearly \$10 million in low-interest disaster loans to Oklahoma residents and businesses affected by the this disaster,” she 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 occurred between June 10 and July 25, can speak with SBA representatives at the following locations on the days and times indicated.

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<p align="center"><u>Kiowa County</u> HOBART</p> <p align="center">Mobile Disaster Recovery Center Public Works Building 410 S Washington Street</p> <p align="center">Open Thursday, August 30 through Tuesday, September 4 8 am – 6 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>Nowata County</u> SOUTH COFFEYVILLE</p> <p align="center">Disaster Loan Outreach Center New City Hall 419 Willow Street</p> <p align="center">Thursdays and Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Closes: Friday, August 31 COB</p>	<p align="center"><u>Ottawa County</u> MIAMI</p> <p align="center">Disaster Recovery Center Furniture Gallery 1601 N Main Street</p> <p align="center">Mondays - Saturdays 8 am – 6 pm Closed for Labor Day</p>
<p align="center"><u>Payne County</u> STILLWATER</p> <p align="center">Mobile Disaster Recovery Center Stillwater Public Library 1107 S Duck Street</p> <p align="center">Open Monday, September 10 through Saturday, September 15 8 am – 6 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>Seminole County</u> SEMINOLE</p> <p align="center">Mobile Disaster Recovery Center Jimmy Austin Golf Course City of Seminole Community Rm 1605 N main Street</p> <p align="center">Open Thursday, August 30 through Tuesday, September 4 8 am – 6 pm Closed for Labor Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>Washington County</u> Bartlesville</p> <p align="center">Disaster Loan Outreach Center Bartlesville Public Library 600 S Johnstone Avenue</p> <p align="center">Mondays - Wednesdays 9 am – 6 pm Closed for Labor Day Closes: Tuesday, September 4 COB</p>

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 **October 5, 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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