



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Changes Hours of Operation at Disaster Loan Outreach Centers on Oahu and Maui

SACRAMENTO – Andrew K. Poepoe, District Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Hawaii office, announced today that SBA is changing the hours of operation at Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in Honolulu and Kailua on Oahu and Kahului on Maui to meet the needs of residents and businesses affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred December 4 through December 7.

“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 severe storms and flooding,” said Poepoe.

“SBA customer service representatives are on hand at the following Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application,” he continued. Poepoe encouraged anyone who has suffered damage as a result of the storms to visit one of the centers before they close.

The outreach centers are located at the following locations and will now be open on the days and times indicated:

Honolulu County
Ward Plaza
210 Ward Avenue, Suite 117
Honolulu, HI

Mondays – Fridays
10 am – 7 pm &
Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm
Open thru January 18

Honolulu County
Enchanted Lake Shopping Center
1020 Keolu Drive, Suite C-7A
Kailua, HI

Mondays – Fridays
10 am – 7 pm &
Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm
Open thru January 18

Maui County
89 Hookele Street, Suite 104
Kahului, HI

Mondays – Fridays
10 am – 7 pm &
Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm
Open thru January 18

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. 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 homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

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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** or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **February 18, 2008**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **September 19, 2008**.

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

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