



U.S. Small Business Administration

# DISASTER NEWS

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## SBA to Close Missouri Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

**Sacramento, CA** – Dennis Melton, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s St. Louis District Office, announced today that SBA will close its **Disaster Loan Outreach Centers** in **Jackson, Piedmont** and **Poplar Bluff** on **Tuesday, May 27, 2008**. “Until then, SBA is continuing to provide one-on-one, personal service to disaster victims of the flooding and severe storms that occurred March 17 through May 9, 2008,” he said.

“SBA customer service representatives continue to be available at these Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help each individual complete their application and close their approved disaster loans. Individuals and businesses who sustained losses from the flooding and severe storms can speak with SBA representatives at the following locations on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary,” Melton continued.

### BUTLER COUNTY POPLAR BLUFF

Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
1018 S Westwood,  
Suite 5  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Monday - Friday  
9 am – 6 pm

Saturday 9 am – 1 pm

**Closed Memorial Day Holiday:  
Monday, May 26**

**Closes Tuesday, May 27  
at 12 Noon**

### CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY JACKSON

Disaster Loan Outreach Center Jackson  
Fire & Rescue Administration  
503 South Hope Street  
Jackson, MO 63755

Monday - Friday  
9 am – 6 pm

Saturday 9 am – 1 pm

**Closed Memorial Day Holiday:  
Monday, May 26**

**Closes Tuesday, May 27  
at 6 pm**

### WAYNE COUNTY PIEDMONT

Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
Piedmont City Hall  
115 W Green Street  
Piedmont, MO 63957

Monday - Friday  
9 am – 6 pm

Saturday 9 am – 1 pm

**Closed Memorial Day Holiday:  
Monday, May 26**

**Closes Tuesday, May 27  
at 6 pm**

SBA offers low-interest Federal disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed by the disaster. So far, SBA has approved over \$5.4 million in low-interest disaster loans to Missouri residents and businesses hurt by the flooding and severe storms.

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.

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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.

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.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 800 621-3362. Individuals and business owners who are unable to visit one of the centers may obtain information about SBA's disaster loan programs by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955** or by visiting SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return applications for property damage is **May 27, 2008**. The deadline to return economic injury loan applications is **December 23, 2008**.

*For more information visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).*

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