



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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CERESCO DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TRANSITIONS TO SBA DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTER

SACRAMENTO – Leon Milobar, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Nebraska office, announced today that the Ceresco Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), located at the Ceresco City Hall-Community Center, 217 South 2nd Street, has transitioned to an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC). The SBA DLOC is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm until further notice.

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the SBA opened the DRC on June 26 to provide personal assistance and disaster information to individuals and businesses who suffered damage as a result of the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred May 22 through June 24.

“At this stage of the recovery process, the emphasis for assistance is to meet the long-term needs of victims. We believe the transition of the Ceresco Disaster Recovery Center to an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center will better meet the current needs of Saunders County residents and businesses,” said Milobar.

“SBA customer service representatives are available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center and the following Disaster Recovery 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 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, prior to the August 19, 2008 deadline. Don’t miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help,” Milobar continued. SBA representatives are at the following locations on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.

SAUNDERS COUNTY
Disaster Loan Outreach Center
City Hall - Community Center
217 South 2nd Street
Ceresco, NE 68017

Mondays - Fridays
9 am – 6 pm
Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm

BUFFALO COUNTY
Disaster Recovery Center
Mid-Town Business Center
2022 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Mondays - Saturdays
9 am – 6 pm

DAWSON COUNTY
Disaster Recovery Center
1501 Plum Creek Parkway
(In the old Wal-Mart)
Lexington, NE 68850

Mondays - Saturdays
9 am – 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 \$1.7 million in disaster loans to Nebraska residents and businesses hurt by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

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SBA 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 \$2 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 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 and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes, 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 a center may obtain information by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at **(800) 659-2955**, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **August 19, 2008**. The EIDL application deadline is **March 20, 2009**.

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

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