



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

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

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## **SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Oklahoma Residents and Businesses Affected by Severe Storms and Tornadoes**

**Sacramento, CA** – U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Karen G. Mills today announced the availability of low-interest Federal disaster loans for residents and business owners affected by the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred May 13 in Caddo County. SBA acted under its own authority to declare a disaster in response to Governor Brad Henry's June 25 request.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in **Caddo County** and the neighboring counties of **Blaine, Canadian, Comanche, Custer, Grady, Kiowa** and **Washita**.

“The U.S. Small Business Administration is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist Oklahoma residents and businesses with Federal disaster loans,” said Mills. “Getting our businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA.”

“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 tornadoes,” said Dottie Overal, SBA's Oklahoma District Director. “Beginning Tuesday, June 30 at 9 am, SBA customer service representatives will be on hand at the following Disaster Loan Outreach Center to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application,” Overal continued. The center will be open on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.

### **CADDO COUNTY**

Anadarko Chamber of Commerce  
516 W Kentucky Avenue  
Anadarko, OK

Mondays through Fridays  
9 am to 5 pm

*Opens Tuesday, June 30 at 9 am*  
*Closes Friday, July 17 at 5 pm*

*Closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day*

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 homeowners and businesses 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 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.

Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

For disaster loan information and assistance is available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA toll-free at (800) 659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return applications for property damage is **August 28, 2009**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **March 29, 2010**.