



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Opens Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Harris County

Sacramento, CA – Manuel R. Gonzalez, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Houston District Office, announced today that SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) to provide personal service to homeowners, renters and business owners impacted by the severe storm and flooding that occurred April 27 and 28 in Harris County. SBA will open the DLOC **Tuesday, May 19 at 1 pm**.

SBA’s disaster declaration covers Harris County and the neighboring counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller.

“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 disaster,” said Gonzalez. “At the center, SBA representatives will be on hand to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application,” Gonzalez added. The center will be open on the days and times indicated below. No appointment is necessary.

HARRIS COUNTY

19818 Franz Road

(Near the intersection with Fry Road)

Katy, TX

Opens Tuesday, May 19 at 1 pm

Mondays through Fridays, 8 am to 5 pm

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 any size, 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 apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Disaster loan information and applications are also available from SBA’s Customer Service center by calling SBA at (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return applications for property damage is **July 14, 2009**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **February 15, 2010**.

For more information visit SBA’s website at <http://www.sba.gov>.
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