



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes

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FREE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESSES

SBA resource partners to help business owners with disaster loan applications

Harrisburg, PA--The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that two business organizations will be joining SBA in providing assistance for victims of Tropical Depressions Frances and Ivan which devastated large parts of Pennsylvania earlier this month. The Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) and Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) are offering free help in preparing loan applications for small businesses impacted by the two disasters.

According to SBA Disaster Area Director William E. Leggiro, Jr., "Through our partnership with SBDC and SCORE, affected businesses now have numerous locations throughout Pennsylvania staffed with experienced personnel who can assist with the completion of their SBA disaster loan application. SBA is committed to providing the resources necessary to help affected businesses quickly recover from the recent flooding, and this partnership between SBA and its resource partners furthers that goal."

In addition to assisting business owners complete the SBA loan application package, representatives from the SBDC and SCORE are also prepared to provide technical assistance and business counseling at **no cost** to affected companies.

Interested businesses are advised to contact their nearest SBDC or SCORE office to set an appointment to obtain an SBA disaster loan application and assistance in its completion. Area SBDCs will be offering their assistance Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. SCORE hours vary by location.

Businesses in the primary declared counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Butler, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Washington, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming and York may apply for low-interest SBA disaster loans to repair or replace uninsured or otherwise uncompensated disaster-damaged business property and contents. Additionally, through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, SBA can provide eligible small businesses with working capital to meet continuing operating expenses and debt payments until normal operations resume. Small businesses in the primary counties, as well as contiguous counties may apply for EIDLs. SBA business disaster loans carry interest rates as low as 2.9 percent with terms of up to 30 years.

The filing deadline to apply for loans to cover physical damages is November 18, 2004, and the deadline to apply for loans to cover economic injury is June 20, 2005.

Business owners are encouraged to register with FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Once registered, an application will be mailed automatically. Business loan applications may also be obtained via SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. To date, nearly 2,000 applications have been issued to businesses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

For more information regarding SBA's disaster loan program or for a disaster recovery center nearest you visit SBA's website or call 1-800-659-2955. The hearing-impaired may call SBA via the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Note to Editors:

SBDC and SCORE Locations

Bucknell University SBDC 126 Dana Engineering Bldg. Lewisburg, PA 17837 570-577-1249	Penn State Univ. SBDC 117 Technology Center University Park, PA 16802 814-863-4293
Clarion University SBDC 102 Dana Still Bldg Clarion, PA 16214 814-393-2060	Saint Francis Univ. SBDC 117 Evergreen Drive Loretto, PA 15940 814-472-3200
Duquesne University SBDC 600 Forbes Ave.- Rockwell Hall, Room 108 Pittsburgh, PA 15282 412-396-6233	Saint Vincent College SBDC 300 Fraser Purchase Rd. – Benedict Hall Latrobe, PA 15650 724-537-4572
Gannon University SBDC A.J. Palumbo Academic Center Erie, PA 16541 814-871-7232	Temple Univ. SBDC 1510 Cecil B. Moore Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19121 215-204-7282
Indiana University SBDC 108 Eberly College of Business Indiana, PA 15705 724-357-7915	University of Pittsburgh 230 S. Bouquet St. – Wesley Posvar Hall Pittsburgh, PA 15260 412-648-1542
Kutztown University SBDC 2917 North Front St. Harrisburg, PA 17110 717-346-2026	University of Scranton SBDC 800 Linden Street – Estate Bldg Scranton, PA 18510 800-829-7232
Lehigh University SBDC 621 Taylor Street- Rauch Business Center Bethlehem, PA 18015 610-758-3980	Wharton School SBDC 3733 Spruce Street Philadelphia, PA 19104 215-898-4861
Lock Haven University SBDC 105 Annex Building Lock Haven, PA 17745 570-893-2589	Wilkes University SBDC 192 South Franklin Street – Hollenback Hall Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18766 570-408-4340
Lehigh Valley SCORE Lehigh University 621 Taylor St. Bethlehem, PA 18105 610-758-4496	Harrisburg SCORE West Shore Chamber of Commerce 4211 Trindle Road Camp Hill, PA 17011 717-761-4304
Cumberland Valley SCORE Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce 75 South 2 nd Street Chambersburg, PA 17201 717-264-2935	Bucks County SCORE Bucks County Chamber of Commerce 409 Hood Blvd. Fairless Hills, PA 19030 215-943-8850
Lancaster SCORE 313 West Liberty Street Lancaster, PA 17603 717-397-3092	Eastern Montgomery SCORE 1653 The Fairway Jenkintown, PA 19046 215-885-3027
Lebanon SCORE 252 North 8 th St. Lebanon, PA 17042 717-273-3727	Philadelphia SCORE 1315 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-790-5050

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Sunbury SCORE Susquehanna Chamber of Commerce Shamokin Dam, PA 17876 570-743-4100	Monroe County SCORE 556 Main Street Stroudsburg, PA 18360 570-421-4433
Main Line SCORE 175 Strafford Avenue Wayne, PA 19087 610-687-6232	Wilkes-Barre SCORE 7 North Wilkes-Barre Blvd. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 570-826-6502
North Central SCORE 330 Pine Street Williamsport, PA 17703 570-322-3720	Altoona-Blair SCORE 3900 Devorris Center for Business Dev. Altoona, PA 16602 814-942-9054
Central Pennsylvania SCORE 2820 E. College Ave- Industry and Tech Ctr. State College, PA 16801 814-234-9415	Clearfield SCORE 650 Leonard St. Clearfield, PA 16830 814-765-8987
Erie SCORE 120 West Ninth St. Erie, PA 16501 814-871-5650	Huntingdon SCORE 500 Allegheny Street Huntingdon, PA 16652 814-643-3126
Johnstown SCORE 111 Market Street Johnstown, PA 15901 412-664-1219	McKeesport SCORE 301 Fifth Avenue McKeesport, PA 412-664-1219
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For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster

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