



# DISASTER NEWS

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*  
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## **SBA Disaster Loans Available in Kansas City Area** *Storm victims urged to apply*

**FORT WORTH, TX** -- A Disaster Loan Workshop for victims of the August 27<sup>th</sup> severe thunderstorms and flash flooding that struck Wyandotte County, Kansas and contiguous counties in Kansas and Missouri will be opened by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) on Saturday, September 11, 2004. Victims will be able to apply for low-interest loans from the SBA to begin the road to recovery.

At the request of Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto has today declared Wyandotte County a disaster area. As a result of the declaration, persons in Johnson and Leavenworth Counties in the State of Kansas; and Clay, Jackson and Platte Counties in the State of Missouri are also eligible to apply for SBA Disaster Loans.

**The SBA Disaster Loan Workshop will be located at the Eisenhower Recreation Center, 2901 North 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kansas City, Kansas. The Workshop will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. beginning Saturday (September 11<sup>th</sup>) and from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, thereafter.** At the Workshop, disaster victims can obtain a disaster loan application and receive help in completing the application.

“We can make loans to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes when a disaster is declared,” said Raymond P. Chatham, Director of SBA’s Disaster Office in Fort Worth. “These loans are available to cover uninsured and underinsured losses to real estate, personal belongings and business property.”

The SBA can loan up to \$200,000 to homeowners. Homeowners and renters can borrow up to \$40,000 to replace damaged or destroyed personal property such as furniture, clothing and vehicles. Businesses may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged real estate, machinery, equipment, inventory and other business assets. These loans are offered at interest rates as low as 2.90% and for terms up to 30 years. SBA can also increase a Borrower’s loan with physical damage by 20% to assist with mitigation measures.

“We urge anyone with disaster damages to apply as soon as possible,” said Chatham. “The sooner one applies and completes an application, the sooner we can help you begin your recovery.”

**Anyone with damages from the thunderstorms and flash flooding should seek assistance by visiting the SBA Disaster Loan Workshop in Kansas City, Kansas or by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is November 8, 2004.**

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