



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*  
SBA Disaster Assistance Area 3 – 14925 Kingsport Road – Ft. Worth, TX 76155

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## **Disaster Assistance Available for Kansas Private Non-Profit Organizations**

**Fort Worth, TX** --- Raymond Chatham, Area Director for Disaster Assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), today announced certain Private Non-Profit organizations (PNPs) that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature should apply to SBA for a low interest disaster loan. These loans are available as a result of President Bush's Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance as a result of damages caused by severe storms, flooding and tornadoes occurring on August 27 – 30, 2004.

PNPs located in the Kansas Counties of Douglas and Wyandotte that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature must first apply to SBA for a disaster loan to make permanent repairs. PNPs that provide critical services of a governmental nature may apply directly to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Those that operate both critical and non-critical facilities may have to make separate applications to both SBA and FEMA.

The law defines PNP "critical services" as those that provide power, water, sewer, wastewater treatment, communications, fire protection, emergency services and emergency medical care. Examples of PNPs that provide "non-critical" services of a governmental nature are food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, youth programs, etc.

**All interested PNPs should first register with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) by calling 785-274-1398.** At the time of registration, the Kansas DEM will determine if the PNP provides an essential governmental service, and if it meets the definition of a "critical facility." Based upon that conclusion, the Kansas DEM will refer the PNP to SBA for disaster loan assistance or to FEMA for their Public Assistance (PA) program for a possible grant.

**The deadline to apply for these loans is November 29, 2004.**

Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by writing to the **U.S. Small Business Administration, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155** or by calling **1-800-366-6303** or **TDD 817-267-4688** for the hearing impaired.

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