



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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DISASTER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR MAINE PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

AUGUSTA, Maine. –The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announces that certain Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) that provide critical services of a governmental nature may be eligible to apply for low interest rate disaster loans. These loans are available as a result of President Bush’s Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance resulting from damages caused by flooding March 16 – 18, 2007.

PNPs located in the counties of Hancock, Knox, Lincoln and Waldo in the State of Maine are eligible to apply to SBA. Examples of eligible non-critical PNP organizations include, but are not limited to, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges.

“PNP organizations are urged to contact their county emergency managers to obtain information about local briefings. At the meeting, PNP representatives will provide information about their organization,” said Frank Skaggs, Director of SBA Field Operations Center East.

This information will be used to submit a “Request for Public Assistance” which FEMA uses to determine if the PNP provides an essential governmental service and meets the definition of a “critical facility.” Based upon that conclusion, FEMA will either refer the PNP to SBA for disaster loan assistance or possibly provide a “Public Assistance” reimbursement grant for eligible costs.

The deadline to apply for these loans is June 19, 2007.

Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (for the hearing-impaired 1-800-877-8339), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EDT) or by writing to the U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center – 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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