



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes
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SBA Opens Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Lake County

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announces today the opening of a Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Lake County at the Christ Temple Church of Christ Holiness USA in Gary, Indiana. This Center will open on **Thursday, November 13 at 9 a.m.** and cease operations on **November 20** at the close of business. The location of this Center makes it convenient for disaster victims affected by severe storms and flooding that occurred September 12 through October 6, 2008 to apply for disaster loan assistance.

The location of the Disaster Loan Outreach Center is:

LAKE COUNTY

Christ Temple Church of Christ Holiness USA
4201 Washington Street (*Corner of 42nd and Washington*)
Gary, Indiana 46408

Opens: 9 a.m., Thursday, November 13
Hours: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Friday
Closing: Thursday, November 20 at the close of business

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 and non-profit organizations of any size may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, inventory, machinery and equipment. For small businesses, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes, the 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.

Interest rates are as low as 2.875 percent for homeowners and renters, and 4.000 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based upon each applicant’s financial condition.

Anyone unable to visit the Center may obtain an SBA Disaster Loan application or the SBA’s program information by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (or 1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST or by emailing our customer service center at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications may be downloaded from www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Applications may be returned to the Center or mailed to: U. S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155. Victims may apply for disaster loans from SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **November 24, 2008**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 23, 2009**.

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For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance