



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close San Juan and South Padre Island Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

Sacramento, CA – Kim Jones, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s Harlingen District Office, announced today that SBA will close two of its four Disaster Loan Outreach Centers at the close of business on **Tuesday, September 30, 2008**. “Until then, SBA is continuing to provide one-on-one, personal service to disaster victims of Hurricane Dolly at all four centers,” she said.

“SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the remaining Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help each individual complete their application and close their approved disaster loans. Individuals and businesses who sustained losses from the hurricane can meet with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary,” Jones continued.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC)
Convention & Visitors Bureau
600 Padre Boulevard
South Padre Island, TX 78597

Mondays – Fridays
9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturdays
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Closes Tuesday, September 30

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Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC)
Community Resource Center
509 East Earling Road
San Juan, TX 78589

Mondays – Fridays
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closes Tuesday, September 30

BROWNSVILLE

Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC)
Brownsville Chamber of Commerce
1600 University Boulevard
Brownsville, TX 78520

Mondays – Fridays
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Until further notice

HARLINGEN

Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC)
U.S. Small Business Administration
Lower Rio Grande District Office
222 East Van Buren Street
5th Floor Conference Room
Harlingen, TX 78550

Mondays – Fridays
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Until further notice

SBA offers low-interest Federal disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed by the disaster. So far, SBA has approved nearly \$9 million in low-interest loans to Texas residents and businesses hurt by Hurricane Dolly.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses only, 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.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 800 621-3362. Individuals and business owners who are unable to visit one of the centers may obtain information about SBA's disaster loan programs by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955** or by visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return applications for property damage is **September 30, 2008**. The deadline to return economic injury loan applications is **May 1, 2009**.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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