



# DISASTER NEWS

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## SBA to Close Haleiwa and Waianae Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

**Honolulu** – Karen I. Sakihama, Acting Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Hawaii District Office, today announced that SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) in **Haleiwa** and **Waianae** will close Friday, February 20. Until then, SBA is continuing to provide one-on-one, personal service to disaster victims of the severe storms and flooding that occurred on Oahu from December 10 through 16, 2008.

“SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their applications and close their approved disaster loans until the centers close,” Sakihama said. Residents and business owners who suffered damages from the severe storms and flooding can speak with an SBA representative on the days and times indicated below until the centers close. No appointment is necessary.

### HALEIWA

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
Waialua Community Association  
66-434 Kamehameha Highway

Tuesday – Friday

9:30 am – 6 pm

**Closes Friday, February 20 at 6 pm**

### WAIANAE

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center  
86-260 Farrington Highway

Monday – Friday

9:30 am to 1:30 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm

**Closes Friday, February 20 at 6 pm**

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 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 and most private, non-profit organizations, 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 or non-profit suffered any property damage.

Individuals and business owners unable to visit one of the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers may contact SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955** or by emailing SBA at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339 or visit SBA’s Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Additionally, disaster victims may now go online to file an SBA application for disaster loan assistance. The Electronic Loan Application (ELA) is accessible via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

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The deadline to apply for property damage from the severe storms and flooding is March 6, 2009. Small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations affected by the disaster have until October 5, 2009 to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

Disaster victims should first register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling (800) 621-3362, or visit their Web site at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

*For more information visit SBA's Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).*

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