



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes
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July 1st Is Deadline to Apply for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds businesses and non-profit organizations located in Puerto Rico of the deadline to submit disaster loan applications for economic injury caused by the severe storms and flooding on September 21 through October 3, 2008. The deadline to file an application is **July 1, 2009.**

Small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations in the following municipalities are eligible to apply: Adjuntas, Aibonito, Arroyo, Cabo Rojo, Caguas, Canovanas, Carolina, Cayey, Ceiba, Coamo, Guanica, Guayama, Guayanilla, Gurabo, Hormigueros, Humacao, Jayuya, Juana Diaz, Juncos, Lajas, Lares, Las Piedras, Maricao, Maunabo, Mayaguez, Naguabo, Orocovis, Patillas, Peñuelas, Ponce, Rio Grande, Sabana Grande, Salinas, San German, San Lorenzo, Santa Isabel, Villalba, Trujillo Alto, Utuado, Yabucoa and Yauco in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Loans are available up to \$2.0 million for small businesses that suffered substantial economic injury from the disaster. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. These loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Interest rates are as low as 4.000 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

To obtain a loan application, contact the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, or send an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business disaster loan applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Victims may apply for disaster loans from SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is **July 1, 2009.**

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