



# DISASTER NEWS

## *Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses*

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### **SBA DISASTER LOAN DEADLINE IS AUGUST 24; THERE IS STILL TIME TO APPLY**

**ATLANTA** - The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding disaster victims that **August 24** is the filing deadline for federal disaster loans available in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The SBA declared a disaster because of damages caused by severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on May 8, 2009.

The SBA's disaster declaration covers Madison County and the following adjacent counties: Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jackson, Jessamine and Rockcastle eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

The SBA offers loans up to \$200,000 to repair disaster damaged primary residences. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to replace personal property such as furniture, appliances and clothing. Loans to businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations are available up to \$2 million to repair damage to real estate, machinery, inventory and equipment.

The Small Business Administration's EIDLs are available to small businesses, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes 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 2.437 percent for homeowners and renters and 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.

Additionally, disaster victims with insurance should not wait for an insurance settlement before applying to the SBA. If victims do not know how much of their loss will be covered by insurance or other sources, the SBA will consider making a loan for the total loss up to its loan limits, provided the borrower agrees to use insurance proceeds to reduce or repay their SBA loan.

The SBA also offers mitigation funds to disaster victims based on 20 percent of the verified physical damage. These funds are designed to help borrowers pay for protective measures which may prevent damages of the same kind in the future.

Disaster victims should contact the SBA's Customer Service Center by calling 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 by sending email to [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://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 visit SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> to apply for disaster loans.

**The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is August 24, 2009. The deadline for economic injury loans is March 24, 2010.**

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*For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).*