



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Louisiana are No Longer Open on Saturdays

SACRAMENTO – Michael W. Ricks, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Louisiana District Office, today announced that SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike are no longer open on Saturdays.

“SBA customer service representatives continue to be available at five centers in Louisiana to meet with residents and business owners to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their application and close their approved disaster loans. Residents and business owners affected by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike can speak with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated below,” Ricks said. No appointment is necessary.

Calcasieu Parish

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Leadership Center
1701 Ryan Street
Lake Charles, LA

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Jefferson Parish

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
LSBDC Greater New Orleans Region
UNO Jefferson Center
3330 N Causeway, Suite 422
Metairie, LA

Monday – Friday
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Closes: Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm Closes: Friday, January 30 at 5:00 pm

East Baton Rouge Parish

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Bon Carré Business Center
Louisiana Technology Park, LLC
7117 Florida Boulevard, Suite 307
Baton Rouge, LA

Mondays – Fridays
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Orleans Parish

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
5800 Canal Boulevard
New Orleans, LA

Mondays – Fridays
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Terrebonne Parish

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Town Hall
805 Barrow Street
Houma, LA

Mondays – Fridays
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

According to Ricks, since the President declared the hurricanes disasters, SBA has approved \$135.5 million in loans to 4,209 Louisiana homeowners and renters and \$34.8 million in loans to 601 Louisiana businesses and private, non-profit organizations hurt by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

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The deadline to apply for property damage from Hurricane Gustav was December 3, 2008 and January 12, 2009 for Hurricane Ike. However, small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations affected by Hurricane Gustav have until June 2, and June 15, 2009 for Hurricane Ike to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs). These loans are to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Individuals and business owners may obtain information on SBA disaster loans and center locations in Louisiana by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955, e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.

Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

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

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