



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Re-Open Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties as Hurricane Dolly Filing Deadline Approaches

Sacramento, CA – Kim Jones, District Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Harlingen District office, announced reminded homeowners and business owners in three Texas counties that SBA will re-open five Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to provide personal service to victims of Hurricane Dolly.

SBA will resume operations beginning Tuesday, September 16. “SBA Customer Service Representatives will be on hand to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, and help each individual complete their application,” Jones said. The center will be open on the days and times below:

<p><u>Cameron County</u> Brownsville Chamber of Commerce 1600 University Blvd. Brownsville, TX 78520</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 8:00am – 5:00pm <i>Until further notice</i></p>	<p><u>Cameron County</u> Convention & Visitors Bureau 600 Padre Blvd. South Padre Island, TX 78597</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 9:00am – 6:00pm</p> <p>Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Until further notice</i></p>	<p><u>Hidalgo County</u> La Villa Middle School (Multipurpose Room) 500 E. 9th St. La Villa, TX 78562</p> <p>Tuesday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Closes COB Saturday 9/20/08</i></p>
<p><u>Hidalgo County</u> Community Resource Center 509 E. Earling Rd. San Juan, TX 78589</p> <p>Mondays – Fridays 8:00am – 5:00pm <i>Until further notice</i></p>	<p><u>Willacy County</u> Raymondville Professional Building 219 W. Hidalgo Ave. Raymondville, TX 78580</p> <p>Tuesday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Closes COB Saturday 9/20/08</i></p>	

“So far, SBA has approved nearly \$8.1 million in low-interest disaster loans to Texas residents and businesses hurt by the hurricane,” she continued.

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.

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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 and most private, non-profit organizations, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) 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 SBA's Disaster Loan Outreach Center may obtain information by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339 or visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. 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>.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **September 30, 2008**. The EIDL deadline is **May 1, 2009**.

For more information visit SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov>.

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