



U. S. Small Business Administration

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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

U. S. S m a l l B u s i n e s s A d m i n i s t r a t i o n



SBA's role in disaster recovery





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- **For disaster losses not fully covered by insurance, the basic form of financial assistance is a disaster loan from SBA.**

The image shows a form from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for disaster assistance. The form includes the SBA logo in the top left corner, which consists of the letters 'SBA' in a large, bold, blue serif font with a yellow triangle behind the 'A', and the text 'U.S. Small Business Administration' below it. To the right of the logo is a line for 'Date'. Below the logo is a section for 'Pay to the order of' followed by a long horizontal line and a '\$' symbol followed by another horizontal line. Below this is a line for 'Dollars'. At the bottom left, there is a 'Memo' field with the handwritten text 'Disaster Assistance'. At the bottom right, there is a signature line with the printed name 'Hector V. Barreto' and the title 'Administrator' below it.

SBA
U.S. Small Business Administration

Date _____

Pay to the order of _____ \$ _____

_____ Dollars

Memo *Disaster Assistance*

Hector V. Barreto
Administrator



SBA's role in disaster recovery

Not Just for Small Businesses

- **SBA disaster loans for property damages are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private, non-profit organizations.**



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Also Available to Small Businesses

- **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs)** are available to *small businesses* for economic losses due to the disaster, even if they had no property damage.
- These loans help small businesses **meet ongoing expenses** until they recover from the disaster.





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Disaster Loans Help Recovery

- **Disaster losses are unexpected and create financial hardships for most disaster victims.**
- **SBA disaster loans with **low interest rates** and **long terms** make recovery **affordable.****



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Disaster Loans Help Recovery

- SBA's disaster loans are a **critical source of economic stimulation** in disaster-ravaged communities.
- They help spur employment and stabilize tax bases by **protecting jobs**.



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Disaster Loans Help Recovery

- **By providing disaster assistance in the form of loans, SBA helps reduce Federal disaster costs compared to other forms of assistance, such as grants.**
- **These loans require borrowers to maintain appropriate hazard and flood insurance, reducing the need for future assistance.**



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Making Recovery Affordable

The law gives SBA several powerful tools to make disaster loans affordable:

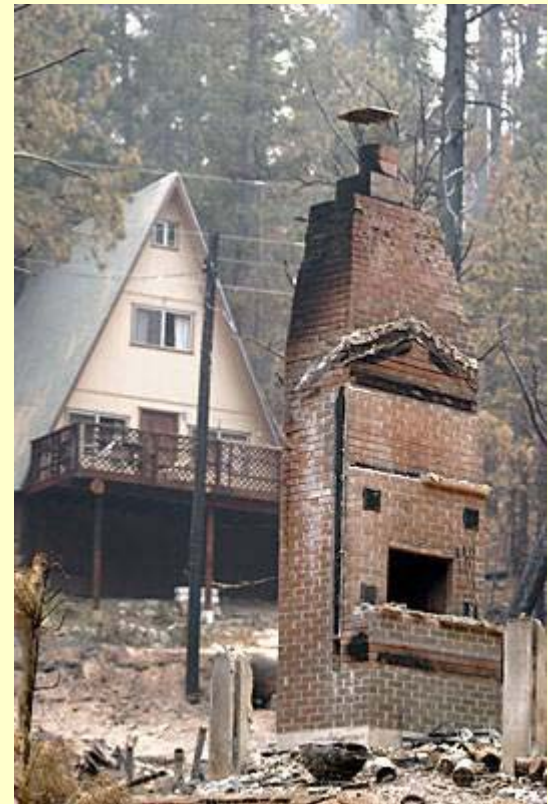
- **low interest rates (about 3%)**
- **long terms (up to 30 years)**
- **refinancing of prior debts (in some cases)**



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After a Disaster

- **The state may request a preliminary damage assessment (PDA) from either the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) or the [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#).**





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Preliminary Damage Assessment

- If the state requests a **FEMA PDA**, SBA will participate with FEMA, state and local agencies to assess the damage.





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Preliminary Damage Assessment

- If the state requests an **SBA-only PDA**, SBA will conduct the survey with state and local officials.

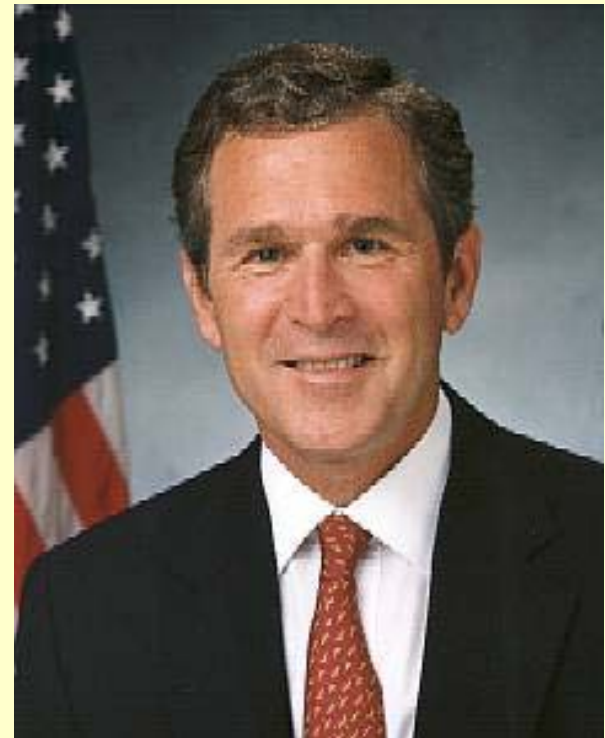




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Disaster Declared

- If **FEMA** recommends, and the President declares a **Major Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance**, SBA's disaster loan program is automatically activated.



President
George W. Bush



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Disaster Declared

- If an **SBA-only declaration** is made by SBA's Administrator (called an **Agency or Administrative declaration**), SBA activates its disaster loan program.



SBA Administrator
Steven C. Preston



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Declaration Differences

- In **Presidential declarations**, SBA disaster loans for **property damage** are available to victims **only in the primary counties** specified in the declaration.





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Declaration Differences

- In **Presidential declarations**, SBA disaster loans for **economic injury** are available in both the **primary and contiguous counties**.





SBA's role in disaster recovery

Declaration Differences

- In **SBA-only declarations**, loans for property damages and economic injury are available in **both primary and contiguous counties.**





SBA's role in disaster recovery

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)

- In **Presidential disasters**, FEMA, SBA, state and local officials establish one or more **Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)** to assist victims.





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Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)

- **These are public facilities that generally have representatives from FEMA, SBA and the state to assist disaster victims.**
- **Depending on the size of the disaster, other Federal, local and volunteer agencies may be present.**



SBA's role in disaster recovery

SBA customer service representatives at each DRC:

- provide one-on-one assistance
- issue loan applications
- help fill out applications
- answer program questions





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SBA customer service representatives at each DRC:

- **Accept completed applications.**
- **Make follow up telephone calls to disaster victims who have not returned their SBA applications.**





SBA's role in disaster recovery

After DRCs Close

- **SBA remains at DRC locations to provide continued assistance.**
- **SBA's Field Operations Department coordinates with state and local officials to maintain these SBA disaster centers.**





SBA's role in disaster recovery

Keeping the Public Informed

- **SBA announces the opening and closing of its disaster centers through press releases, newsletters and SBA's website.**





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SBA Disaster Outreach Centers

- In **SBA-only** declarations, SBA will establish one or more **SBA Disaster Outreach Centers**. These are **public facilities**, similar to DRCs in Presidential disasters.





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SBA Disaster Outreach Centers

- **SBA coordinates with local officials to obtain donated space for its temporary Disaster Outreach Centers.**





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The SBA Disaster Program

- Is SBA's **largest direct loan program** and the only SBA program for entities other than small businesses.
- Is administered through SBA's **Office of Disaster Assistance (ODA)**.

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