



Disaster Field Operations Center East

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SBA Physical Disaster Loan Deadline Approaching in Mississippi for Businesses and Residents Affected by Hurricane Ida

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is reminding businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners, and renters in **Mississippi** of the **Dec. 21** deadline to apply for physical damage disaster loans. Anyone in the declared counties with damages affected by Hurricane Ida from Aug. 28 through Sept. 1, 2021, should apply for the low-interest disaster loan program.

“Waiting to file an SBA application could cause unnecessary delays in receiving disaster assistance, and survivors may miss the application deadline. Submitting the loan application is an essential part of the disaster recovery process,” said Kem Fleming, director of SBA Field Operations Center East.

The disaster declaration covers Amite, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson in **Mississippi**, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Adams, Forrest, Franklin, George, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Stone in **Mississippi**; Mobile in **Alabama**; and parishes of Concordia, East Feliciana, Saint Helena, Saint Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington and West Feliciana in **Louisiana**.

Businesses and private nonprofit organizations of any size may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may include a sump pump, elevation, French drain or retaining wall to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers EIDLs to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates are as low as **2.855** percent for businesses, **2** percent for nonprofit organizations and **1.563** percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

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Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/ela/s/> and should apply under SBA declaration # 17234, not for the COVID 19 incident.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by emailing DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications may be downloaded at sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be returned to the center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Dec. 21, 2021**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **July 22, 2022**.

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