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Disaster Field Operations Center East

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Deadline to Apply for Physical Disaster Loans Approaching in West Virginia

ATLANTA – The <u>U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)</u> is reminding businesses, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters in **West Viriginia** affected by the severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred Aug. 28-30, 2023 to apply for physical damage disaster loans by **April 1** deadline.

The disaster declaration covers Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha counties in **West Virginia**, 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 (EIDLs): Barbour, Braxton, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Jackson, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Nicholas, Putnam, Raleigh, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wyoming in **West Virginia**.

Customer Service Representatives at SBA's Business Recovery Centers will assist business owners complete their disaster loan application, accept documents for existing applications, and provide status on loan applications. The Centers will operate as indicated below until further notice:

SBA Business Recovery Center (BRC)

Harrison County

Harrison County Courthouse Assessor's Office 301 West Main St.

Clarksburg, WV 26301

Hours: Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closed: Sundays

SBA Business Recovery Center (BRC)

Kanawha County

Charleston Area Alliance

1116 Smith St.

Charleston, WV 25301

Hours: Monday- Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closed: Sundays

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register at DisasterAssistance.gov or download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at <u>SBA.gov/disaster</u>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email <u>disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</u> for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Submit completed loan applications to SBA no later than **April 1, 2024.** The deadline to submit economic injury applications is **Oct. 30, 2024.**

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