



Disaster Field Operations Center East

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SBA Physical Disaster Loan Deadline is June 25 in Alabama For Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds and Tornadoes

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) encourages businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters to apply for a physical disaster loan before the **June 25** deadline. Anyone in the declared counties in **Alabama** with damages caused by the disaster on March 25-26, 2021 should apply for a physical disaster loan by the deadline.

The disaster declaration covers Bibb, Calhoun, Clay, Hale, Jefferson, Perry, Randolph and Shelby counties in **Alabama** 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: Blount, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Cleburne, Coosa, Dallas, Etowah, Greene, Marengo, Saint Clair, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa and Walker in **Alabama**; and Carroll, Heard and Troup in **Georgia**.

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.

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 3 percent for businesses, 2 percent for nonprofit organizations and 1.25 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.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at Disasterloan.sba.gov and should apply under SBA declaration # 16936 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 sending an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from sba.gov/disaster.

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Completed applications should be 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 **June 25, 2021**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **Jan. 26, 2022**.

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