



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

*Loans for Businesses of all Sizes, Homeowners and Renters*

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## **SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Residents of Indiana Affected by Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding**

**WASHINGTON** – Indiana businesses and residents affected by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding on June 7 through July 29, can apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, SBA Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet announced today.

Contreras-Sweet made the loans available in response to a letter from Gov. Michael R. Pence on Aug. 13, requesting a disaster declaration by the SBA. The declaration covers Brown, Huntington, Jay, Jefferson and Morgan counties and the adjacent counties of Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Blackford, Clark, Delaware, Grant, Hendricks, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Marion, Monroe, Owen, Putnam, Randolph, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland, Wabash, Wells, Whitley in **Indiana**; Carroll and Trimble counties in **Kentucky**; Darke and Mercer counties in **Ohio**.

“The SBA is strongly committed to providing the people of Indiana with the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist businesses of all sizes, homeowners and renters with federal disaster loans,” said Contreras-Sweet. “Getting businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA.”

“Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

SBA’s customer service representatives are available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to answer questions about the disaster loan program and help individuals complete their applications. The Centers are located in the following communities and are open as indicated:

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<b><u>Brown County</u></b>	<b><u>Huntington County</u></b>
Brown County Emergency Services Building 55 State Road 46 East Nashville, IN 47448	Huntington City – Township Public Library 255 West Park Drive Huntington, IN 46750
Opening: Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 a.m.	Opening: Thursday, Aug. 20 at 9 a.m.
Days and Hours: Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Closed	Days and Hours: Monday to Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Closed
Closing: Thursday, Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.	Closing: Thursday Aug. 27 at 4 p.m.

<b><u>Jay County</u></b>	<b><u>Jefferson County</u></b>
Jay County Courthouse 120 N. Court Street Portland, IN 47371	Madison City Hall 101 West Main Street Madison, IN 47250
Opening: Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 a.m.	Opening: Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 a.m.
Days and Hours: Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sunday, Closed	Days and Hours: Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Closed
Closing: Thursday, Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.	Closing: Thursday, Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.

<b><u>Morgan County</u></b>	
Churches in Mission’s Hope House (Building at corner of Maple Lane and Main Street) 148 E. Main Street Mooresville, IN 46158	
Opening:	Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 a.m.
Days and Hours:	Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Closed
Closing:	Thursday, Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.

“Businesses and nonprofit organizations of any size may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets,” said Stacey Poynter, SBA’s district director in Indiana.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, to make improvements that help prevent the risk of future property damage caused by a similar disaster.

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For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private nonprofit organizations of all sizes, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (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.

Interest rates are as low as 4 percent for businesses, 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations, and 1.688 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amount 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 <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Individuals and businesses may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or by emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Loan applications can also be downloaded at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.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 **October 19, 2015**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **May 18, 2016**.

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*For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).*