

# Three Steps to SBA Disaster Assistance Loans



If your **home or business** has been damaged or destroyed by a federally declared disaster, you may be eligible for an SBA disaster assistance loan. These long-term, low-interest rate loans are available to businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners, and renters to repair or replace uninsured/underinsured disaster damaged property.



# 1: Apply



Begin by first registering with FEMA at disasterassistance.gov or by calling **(800) 621-FEMA (3362)**.

Then apply at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov,

in person at any local disaster center, or by calling our Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 to request an application by mail. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial **7-1-1** to access telecommunications relay services.

There is no need to wait for insurance claims to settle or to receive FEMA grants or contractor estimates before applying. You are under no obligation to accept the loan if approved.

# 2: Application Processed



Application packages and required documents (including credit and income information) will be reviewed for completeness. Eligible applications are sent to SBA's loss verification team and property inspections may be necessary to decide the total

physical damage.

A loan officer takes over your case to work with you to receive any additional information, review insurance or other recoveries, and recommend a loan amount.

We strive to make loan determinations within 2–3 weeks after receiving complete application packages.

# 3: Loan Closure & Disbursement



Loan closing documents are prepared for your signature. After receipt of the signed documents, an initial disbursement, up to the following amounts, will be made within 5 business days: up to \$25,000 for physical damage; up to \$25,000 for economic

injury (working capital), which can be in addition to the physical damage disbursement for eligible businesses.

A case manager will work with you to answer questions and help you meet all loan conditions. The case manager schedules the disbursement of any remaining loan amount.

Loan may be increased up to 20% after closing due to changing circumstances, such as unexpected repair costs or if you receive additional insurance proceeds for the same purposes.

# Compare the various disaster assistance loans in the following chart to select the one that fits your situation.

	BUSINESSES & NONPROFITS	HOMEOWNERS & RENTERS
Physical Damage Disaster Loans	Repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. <b>Loans up to \$2 million</b> .	Homeowners may use loan proceeds to repair or replace a primary residence to its pre-disaster condition. <b>Loans up to \$200,000</b> .
Damaged Personal Property Loans	N/A	Homeowners or renters may use loan proceeds to repair or replace furniture, appliances, vehicles, and/or other personal property. <b>Loans up to \$40,000</b> .
Maximum Loan Amount	The maximum loan for any combination of property damage and/or economic injury is <b>\$2 million</b> .	The maximum loan for any combination of real and personal property damage, voluntary mitigation measures, refinancing, and contractor malfeasance (wrongdoing or misconduct) is <b>\$840,000</b> .
Can Loans Be Used to Mitigate Against Future Damage?	Yes; loans can be increased by up to 20 percent of verified physical damages to add approved mitigation measures.	Yes; loans can be increased by up to 20 percent of verified physical damages to add approved mitigation measures to a homeowner's primary residence.
Interest Rates	Low interest rates are fixed for the entire loan term and are set based on the date the disaster occurred. Visit http://www.disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela for current interest rates	Low interest rates are fixed for the entire loan term and are set based on the date the disaster occurred. Visit http://www.disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela for current interest rates.
Maximum Loan Term	Up to 30 years based upon repayment ability and SBA policy. There are no prepayment penalties.	Up to 30 years based upon repayment ability and SBA policy. There are no prepayment penalties.

For required documents, go to <a href="https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/article/Paper-Forms">https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/article/Paper-Forms</a>

## **Additional Facts About Applying**

Loans may be used for insurance deductibles and required building code upgrades not covered by insurance or for relocation. It is not necessary to submit the description of upgrades and cost estimates with the application. We may refer you to FEMA's Other Needs Assistance program if you are denied an SBA disaster assistance loan.

# **Rebuilding Stronger is Within Reach**

Consider making mitigation building improvements to better protect your home, business, or to save lives during future disasters. You can increase disaster assistance loans up to 20 percent of the verified physical damage amount to make improvements. Generally, you have two years after loan approval to request an increase for higher building costs, code-related upgrades or other mitigation measures. The SBA must approve the mitigation measures before loan increases.

For more information or to find a local disaster center, contact our Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or dial (TTY) 7-1-1.





All SBA programs and services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. (05/2022)



# **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest disaster loans to non-farm businesses of all sizes, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters who suffered losses caused by the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred December 27, 2022 through January 31, 2023. Types of loans available are:

#### **Individuals and Families:**

**Homeowners:** up to \$200,000 to repair or replace real estate damage and up to \$40,000 to replace personal property.

**Renters:** up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property.

**Businesses:** 

**Property Damage:** up to \$2,000,000 to repair or replace real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other assets that were

damaged or destroyed (available to businesses of *any size* and private, non-profit organizations).

**Economic Injury:** only for *small* businesses and most private non-profit organizations suffering adverse financial impacts of the

disaster (with or without property loss), up to \$2,000,000 for working capital to help pay obligations until normal

operations resume.

SBA customer service representatives will be at the following location to meet with each disaster survivor. SBA will answer specific questions about how a disaster loan may help each survivor recover from the disaster damage, and will provide one-on-one assistance in completing applications for these loans.

#### **SAN FRANCISCO**

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center War Memorial Veterans Building 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room # 212 San Francisco, CA 94102

Mondays through Fridays, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Closes Wednesday, April 5 at 4:30 pm

For more information, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

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# U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FACT SHEET - DISASTER LOANS

#### CALIFORNIA Declaration #17802 & #17803

(Disaster: CA-00373)

Incident: SEVERE WINTER STORMS, FLOODING, LANDSLIDES & MUDSLIDES

occurring: December 27, 2022 through January 31, 2023

in San Francisco County, <u>California</u>; and the contiguous <u>California</u> counties of: Alameda, Marin & San Mateo

Application Filing Deadlines:

Physical Damage: May 8, 2023 Economic Injury: December 7, 2023

If you are located in a declared disaster area, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

#### What Types of Disaster Loans are Available?

- <u>Business Physical Disaster Loans</u> Loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. Private, non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible.
- <u>Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)</u> Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small
  businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary
  financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster
  recovery period.
- <u>Home Disaster Loans</u> Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles.

#### What are the Credit Requirements?

- Credit History Applicants must have a credit history acceptable to SBA.
- Repayment Applicants must show the ability to repay all loans.
- <u>Collateral</u> Collateral is required for physical loss loans over \$14,000 and all EIDL loans over \$25,000. SBA takes real estate as collateral when it is available. SBA will not decline a loan for lack of collateral, but requires you to pledge what is available.

#### What are the Interest Rates?

By law, the interest rates depend on whether each applicant has Credit Available Elsewhere. An applicant does not have Credit Available Elsewhere when SBA determines the applicant does not have sufficient funds or other resources, or the ability to borrow from non-government sources, to provide for its own disaster recovery. An applicant, which SBA determines to have the ability to provide for his or her own recovery is deemed to have Credit Available Elsewhere. Interest rates are fixed for the term of the loan. The interest rates applicable for this disaster are:

Loan Types	No Credit Available	Credit Available
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Home Loans	2.313%	4.625%
Business Loans	3.305%	6.610%
Non-Profit Organizations	2.375%	2.375%

**Economic Injury Loans** 

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Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives	3.305%	N/A		
Non-Profit Organizations	2.375%	N/A		

#### What are Loan Terms?

The law authorizes loan terms up to a maximum of 30 years. However, the law restricts businesses with credit available elsewhere to a maximum 7-year term. SBA sets the installment payment amount and corresponding maturity based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

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#### What are the Loan Amount Limits?

- <u>Business Loans</u> The law limits business loans to \$2,000,000 for the repair or replacement of real estate, inventories, machinery, equipment and all other physical losses. Subject to this maximum, loan amounts cannot exceed the verified uninsured disaster loss
- <u>Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)</u> The law limits EIDLs to \$2,000,000 for alleviating economic injury caused by the disaster. The actual amount of each loan is limited to the economic injury determined by SBA, less business interruption insurance and other recoveries up to the administrative lending limit. EIDL assistance is available only to entities and their owners who cannot provide for their own recovery from non-government sources, as determined by the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- <u>Business Loan Ceiling</u> The \$2,000,000 statutory limit for business loans applies to the combination of physical, economic injury, mitigation and refinancing, and applies to all disaster loans to a business and its affiliates for each disaster. If a business is a major source of employment, SBA has the authority to waive the \$2,000,000 statutory limit.
- Home Loans SBA regulations limit home loans to \$200,000 for the repair or replacement of real estate and \$40,000 to repair
  or replace personal property. Subject to these maximums, loan amounts cannot exceed the verified uninsured disaster loss.

#### What Restrictions are there on Loan Eligibility?

- <u>Uninsured Losses</u> Only uninsured or otherwise uncompensated disaster losses are eligible. Any insurance proceeds which
  are required to be applied against outstanding mortgages are not available to fund disaster repairs and do not reduce loan
  eligibility. However, any insurance proceeds voluntarily applied to any outstanding mortgages do reduce loan eligibility.
- <u>Ineligible Property</u> Secondary homes, personal pleasure boats, airplanes, recreational vehicles and similar property are not eligible, unless used for business purposes. Property such as antiques and collections are eligible only to the extent of their functional value. Amounts for landscaping, swimming pools, etc., are limited.
- Noncompliance Applicants who have not complied with the terms of previous SBA loans may not be eligible. This includes borrowers who did not maintain flood and/or hazard insurance on previous SBA loans.

**Note:** Loan applicants should check with agencies / organizations administering any grant or other assistance program under this declaration to determine how an approval of SBA disaster loan might affect their eligibility.

#### Is There Help with Funding Mitigation Improvements?

If your loan application is approved, you may be eligible for additional funds to cover the cost of improvements that will protect your property against future damage. Examples of improvements include retaining walls, seawalls, sump pumps, etc. Mitigation loan money would be in addition to the amount of the approved loan, but may not exceed 20 percent of total amount of physical damage to real property, including leasehold improvements, and personal property as verified by SBA to a maximum of \$200,000 for home loans. It is not necessary for the description of improvements and cost estimates to be submitted with the application. SBA approval of the mitigating measures will be required before any loan increase.

#### Is There Help Available for Refinancing?

- SBA can refinance all or part of prior mortgages that are evidenced by a recorded lien, when the applicant (1) does not have credit available elsewhere, (2) has suffered substantial uncompensated disaster damage (40 percent or more of the value of the property or 50% or more of the value of the structure), and (3) intends to repair the damage.
- Businesses Business owners may be eligible for the refinancing of existing mortgages or liens on real estate, machinery and equipment, up to the amount of the loan for the repair or replacement of real estate, machinery, and equipment.
- Homes Homeowners may be eligible for the refinancing of existing liens or mortgages on homes, up to the amount of the loan for real estate repair or replacement.

#### What if I Decide to Relocate?

You may use your SBA disaster loan to relocate. The amount of the relocation loan depends on whether you relocate voluntarily or involuntarily. If you are interested in relocation, an SBA representative can provide you with more details on your specific situation.

#### Are There Insurance Requirements for Loans?

To protect each borrower and the Agency, SBA may require you to obtain and maintain appropriate insurance. By law, borrowers whose damaged or collateral property is located in a special flood hazard area must purchase and maintain flood insurance. SBA requires that flood insurance coverage be the lesser of 1) the total of the disaster loan, 2) the insurable value of the property, or 3) the maximum insurance available.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <a href="https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/">https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/</a>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email <a href="mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov">disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</a> 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. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration. Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.



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# U.S. Small Business Administration's California Resource Partners

# Offer the Following Services to Help Businesses Recover from the Effects of Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides

# **California Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)**

SBDCs are providing the following services to help small businesses impacted by the disaster (no charge for any services):

- Counseling for financial, accounting, marketing and other post-disaster challenges
- Management and technical assistance
- Business planning to help business owners re-establish their operations and plan for their future
- Help in reconstructing damaged or destroyed business records
- Assistance with updating or rewriting business plans

Contact the SBDCs below or visit America's nationwide network of SBDCs website at <a href="https://americassbdc.org/">https://americassbdc.org/</a>.

#### **SBDC LOCATIONS**

79 Acacia Ave.
104 Bertrand Hall
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 482-1819
miriam@marinsbdc.org
https://www.marinsbdc.org

Marin SBDC

San Francisco SBDC 1650 Mission St., Suite 101A San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 937-7232 qian.wan@sfgov.org https://www.sfsbdc.org

San Mateo SBDC 1900 O'Farrell St., #380 San Mateo, CA 94403 (650) 395-9130 info@sanmateosbdc.org https://sanmateosbdc.org

# **Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC)**

Through a cooperative agreement, SBA has 22 organizations participating as Veterans Business Outreach Centers designed to provide entrepreneurial development, business training, counseling, and mentoring for eligible veterans who own or are starting a small business.

Contact the Veterans Business Outreach Center below or visit their website.

#### **VBOC LOCATION**

NorCal VBOC 1792 Tribute Rd, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA 95815 (916) 527-8400 info@Norcalvboc.org www.norcalvboc.org

Please contact to schedule appointments

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# **SCORE - Helping America's Small Businesses**

SCORE has experts in virtually every area of business management to mentor small businesses. Mentors are available to help small businesses with their disaster recovery (no charge for individual and team counseling). Services include:

- Free online disaster preparedness/recovery resources for small business at www.score.org/disaster-preparedness-recovery
- Matching volunteer business-management mentors with clients in need of expert advice
- In-depth counseling and training with small business owners and managers
- Help to identify business problems, determine the causes and find solutions
- Maintaining a confidential and personal relationship

Contact the SCORE Chapter below or visit the SCORE website at <a href="https://www.score.org/">https://www.score.org/</a>.

#### **SCORE LOCATION**

SCORE Customer Service (800) 634-0245 contactus@score.org https://www.score.org

# **Women's Business Centers (WBCs)**

WBCs provide technical training and counseling to women and others who are currently in business or thinking about starting a business. Assistance is targeted to meet specific needs whether a beginner or seasoned entrepreneur.

Contact the WBCs below or visit the Association of Women's Business Centers website at <a href="https://www.awbc.org/">https://www.awbc.org/</a>.

#### **WBC LOCATIONS**

Anew America
Women's Business Center - Oakland
1470 Fruitvale Ave., Suite 5
Oakland, CA 94601
(510) 532-5240
dneel@AnewAmerica.org

www.anewamerica.org

Renaissance Women's Business Center
275 5<sup>th</sup> Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 541-8580
wbc@rencenter.org
https://rencenter.org/womens-business-center

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Customer Service Center (800) 659-2955

#### CALIFORNIA - Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

- December 27, 2022 through January 31, 2023

#### **Disaster Loan Outreach Center**

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Center	Address	Schedule/Hours
Disaster Loan	SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY	Open Wednesday, March 15
Outreach Center	War Memorial Veterans Building	through Wednesday, April 5 @ COB
	401 Van Ness Avenue, Room # 212	Mondays – Fridays
	San Francisco, CA 94102	8:00 am – 4:30 pm PT
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