



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes

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LAST DAY TO VISIT THE DISASTER OUTREACH CENTER

Centers Will Cease Operation Saturday, April 19

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announces today that due to the decrease in the level of activity, the Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Broward County will cease operation on Saturday, April 19 at 2:00 P.M.

The Small Business Administration urges victims of the devastating fire in the city of Fort Lauderdale to visit the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to obtain assistance with their applications before the Center closes. Representatives are available at the Center to answer questions and provide one-on-one assistance with completing the applications. Those who have completed their applications are encouraged to return them as soon as possible. Assistance is still available for those victims unable to visit the Center by calling SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired).

The Center is located at:

Sunnyreach Acres
Sunnyreach Acres Community Room
100 SW 18th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

The SBA offers loans up to \$40,000 for renters and homeowners to repair or replace disaster damaged personal property such as furniture and clothing. Homeowners are eligible for loans up to \$200,000 to repair disaster damaged primary residences. Loans to businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations are available up to \$1.5 million to repair damage to real estate, machinery, equipment and inventory. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are also available to small businesses unable to pay bills or meet operating expenses.

Interest rates are as low as 2.750 percent for renters and homeowners and 4.000 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based upon each applicant's financial condition.

Anyone unable to visit the Disaster Loan Outreach Center may obtain applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. EDT. Applications may be obtained, completed and returned to the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155. Business loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA website at www.sba.gov.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **June 9, 2008**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **January 9, 2009**.

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For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov.