



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Sedro-Woolley Disaster Loan Outreach Center

Sacramento, CA –Nancy Porzio, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s Seattle District Office, announced today that SBA is closing its **Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Sedro-Woolley on Friday, March 13, 2009, at 5 pm.** “Until then, SBA will continue to provide one-on-one, personal service at the center for disaster victims of the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred from January 6 through January 16, 2009,” she said.

“SBA customer service representatives continue to be available to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, help individuals complete their applications, and close their approved disaster loans. Individuals and business owners who sustained losses from the severe winter storms can speak with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary,” Porzio continued.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
New Sedro-Woolley City Hall
325 Metcalf Street, Room 106
Sedro-Woolley, WA

Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

Closes Friday, March 13 at 5 pm

“Even though the Sedro-Woolley center is closing, Disaster Loan Outreach Centers remain open at the following locations, where disaster victims can receive one-on-one help from SBA representatives,” added Porzio.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Cowlitz County Training Center
‘The Boat House’
1942 First Avenue
Behind the Hall of Justice
Longview, WA

Wednesdays through Fridays, 8:30 am to 5 pm

PIERCE COUNTY

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Community Resource Center
107 North Meridian
Corner of E. Main & N. Meridian
Puyallup, WA

Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 am to 5 pm

SBA offers low-interest Federal disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed by the disaster. So far, SBA has

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approved over \$2.3 million in low-interest disaster loans to Washington residents and businesses hurt by the January 6 through January 16, 2009 severe winter storms.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private, non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations, 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 or non-profit suffered any property damage.

Individuals and business owners unable to visit a Disaster Loan Outreach Center may contact SBA's Customer Service Center by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955**, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339. Additionally, disaster victims may now go online to file an SBA application for disaster loan assistance. The Electronic Loan Application (ELA) is accessible via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The deadline to apply for property damage from the severe winter storms is **March 31, 2009**. Small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations affected by the disaster have until **October 30, 2009** to apply for EIDL assistance.

Disaster victims should first register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling (800) 621-3362, or visiting their Web site at www.fema.gov.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov.

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