



U. S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

FACT SHEET FOR ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS

(SBA DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO DESIGNATION BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE)

Declaration: #11485 (S2769) Disaster No.: FL-00037 Primary State: FLORIDA

Incident: Excessive Rainfall, Flooding, Flash Flooding, High Winds, Lightning and Multiple Tornadoes associated with Tropical Storm Fay.

Incident Period: August 19, 2008 through August 24, 2008

Application Filing Deadline: June 8, 2009

FL Primary Counties: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Clay, Collier, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hendry, Highlands, Holmes, Indian River, Jefferson, Lee, Leon, Madison, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Okeechobee, Putnam, Saint Johns, Saint Lucie, Seminole, Suwannee, Union, Volusia, Wakulla and Washington; and,

FL Contiguous Counties: Broward, Calhoun, Citrus, DeSoto, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hardee, Jackson, Lafayette, Lake, Levy, Liberty, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, Sarasota, Sumter, Taylor and Walton; and,

AL Contiguous Counties: Geneva; and,

GA Contiguous Counties: Brooks, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Grady, Lowndes, Thomas and Ware.

Disaster Loan Assistance Available:

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) – are working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives 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.

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 (SBA).

Credit Requirements:

- Credit History – Applicants must have a credit history acceptable to SBA.
- Repayment – Applicants must show the ability to repay the loan.
- Collateral – Collateral is required for all EIDLs over \$5,000. SBA takes real estate as collateral when it is available. SBA will not decline a loan for lack of collateral, but SBA will require the borrower to pledge collateral that is available.

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Interest Rate:

- The interest rate is 4.000%.

Loan Term:

- The law authorizes loan terms up to a maximum of 30 years.
- SBA determines the term of each loan in accordance with the borrower's ability to repay. Based on the financial circumstances of each borrower, SBA determines an appropriate installment payment amount, which in turn determines the actual term.

Loan Amount Limit:

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. SBA also considers potential contributions that are available from the business and/or its owner(s) or affiliates. If a business is a major source of employment, SBA has the authority to waive the \$2,000,000 statutory limit.

Loan Eligibility Restrictions:

- The applicant business must be located in the declared disaster area.
- Only uninsured or otherwise uncompensated disaster losses are eligible.
- The economic injury must have been the direct result of the declared disaster.
- Nurseries are only eligible for economic injury caused by declared drought disasters.
- By law, agricultural enterprises such as farmers and ranchers are not eligible for any type of SBA assistance.
- Applicants who have not complied with the terms of previous SBA loans are not eligible. This includes borrowers who did not maintain flood and/or hazard insurance on previous SBA or Federally Insured loans.
- Loan assistance is available only to the extent the business and its owners cannot meet necessary financial obligations due to the disaster. This determination is made by SBA.

Insurance Requirements:

To protect each borrower and the Agency, SBA requires borrowers to obtain and maintain appropriate insurance. Borrowers of all secured loans (over \$5,000) must purchase and maintain hazard insurance for the life of the loan on the collateral property. By law, borrowers whose collateral property is located in a special flood hazard area must also purchase and maintain flood insurance for the full insurable value of the property for the life of the loan.

Completing the SBA Loan Application:

The application asks for the same information about the business and its principal owners that are generally required for a bank loan. If you need help, SBA personnel will explain the forms and give you assistance at no charge. You may use the services of accountants, attorneys, or other representatives at your own expense, if you wish. Use of a representative and the fees they charged must be listed on your loan application.

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

Completed loan applications should be returned to:

U. S. Small Business Administration
Disaster Assistance – Processing and Disbursement Center
14925 Kingsport Road
Fort Worth, TX 76155-22-**2243**