



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*  
SBA Disaster Assistance Area 3 – 14925 Kingsport Road – Ft. Worth, TX 76155

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## **Deadline Approaching For Arkansas Private Non-Profit Organizations To Apply For Disaster Assistance**

**Fort Worth, TX ---** Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) in Arkansas Counties of Benton, Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Franklin, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, and Sevier have until August 30, 2004 to apply to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for disaster assistance.

The SBA is providing low interest disaster loans to certain PNP organizations that do not provide critical service of a governmental nature to make permanent repairs. These loans are made available as a result of damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred May 30 – July 9, 2004.

The law defines PNP “critical services” as those providing power, water, sewer, wastewater treatment, communications, fire protection, emergency services and medical care. Examples of PNPs providing “non-critical” services of a governmental nature are food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, youth programs, etc. PNPs that provide critical services may apply directly to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Those that operate both critical and non-critical facilities may have to make separate applications to both SBA and FEMA.

**All interested PNPs should first contact the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) by calling 501-622-3000.** ADEM will determine if the PNP provides an essential governmental service, and if it meets the definition of a “critical facility.” Based upon ADEM’s determination, the PNP will be referred either to SBA for disaster loan assistance or to FEMA for the Public Assistance (PA) program.

**Again, the deadline to apply for these loans is August 30, 2004.**

**Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Small Business Administration, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155 or by calling 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.**

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