



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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Disaster Assistance Available for South Dakota Private Non-Profit Organizations

Fort Worth, TX --- Raymond Chatham, Area Director for Disaster Assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), today announced certain Private Non-Profit organizations (PNPs) that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature may apply to SBA for a low interest disaster loan. These loans are available as a result of President Bush's Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred May 28 through June 16, 2004.

PNPs located in the South Dakota Counties of Haakon, Jackson, Marshall, Mellette, Minnehaha, Todd, Tripp, Turner, and the Rosebud Indian Reservation that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature must first apply to SBA for a disaster loan to make permanent repairs. PNPs that provide critical services of a governmental nature 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.

The law defines PNP "critical services" as those that provide power, water, sewer, wastewater treatment, communications, fire protection, emergency services and emergency medical care. Examples of PNPs that provide "non-critical" services of a governmental nature are food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, youth programs, etc.

All interested PNPs should contact the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management (SDOEM) by calling 605-336-4120. At this time, the SDOEM will determine if the PNP provides an essential governmental service, and if it meets the definition of a "critical facility." Based upon that conclusion, the SDOEM will refer the PNP to SBA for disaster loan assistance or to FEMA for their Public Assistance (PA) program for a possible grant.

The deadline to contact SDOEM is August 20, 2004 and to apply for the SBA loans is September 20, 2004.

SBA 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 calling **1-800-366-6303** or **TDD 817-267-4688** for the hearing impaired.

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