



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA DISASTER LOAN ASSISTANCE TOPS \$25 MILLION FOR VICTIMS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Sacramento, CA – Alberto Alvarado, Acting Regional Administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), announced today that SBA has approved over \$25 million in Federal low-interest disaster loans to California homeowners, renters and businesses who sustained damages from the wildfires that occurred November 13 through November 28, 2008.

“Since the President declared a disaster in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and Santa Barbara, SBA has approved \$25.1 million in loans to homeowners, renters and businesses,” said Alvarado.

Although the deadline to apply for property damage has passed, small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations may still apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). These loans are designed to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The EIDL application deadline is August 18, 2009.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Information and application forms are also available from SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

For more information visit SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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