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SBA Relief Still Available to California Businesses, Private Nonprofits and Residents Affected by Late December Storms

Deadline to apply for physical damage loans approaching

WASHINGTON — The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) is reminding eligible businesses, private nonprofits, and residents in California of the April 6, 2026 deadline to apply for low interest federal disaster loans to offset physical damage caused by the severe storms which occurred Dec. 16 – 26, 2025.

The disaster declaration covers the California counties of Inyo, Kern, Lassen, Los Angeles, Modoc, Orange, Plumas, Riverside, San Bernardino, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity as well as the Arizona counties of La Paz and Mohave, and the Nevada county of Clark.

Businesses and nonprofits are eligible to apply for [physical disaster loans](#) up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

Homeowners and renters are eligible to apply for home and personal property loans up to \$100,000 to replace or repair personal property, such as clothing, furniture, cars, and appliances. Homeowners may apply for up to \$500,000 to replace or repair their primary residence.

Applicants may also be eligible for a loan increase of up to 20% of their physical damage, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements include strengthening structures to protect against high wind damage, upgrading to wind rated garage doors, and installing a safe room or storm shelter to help protect property and occupants from future damage.

“One distinct advantage of SBA’s disaster loan program is the opportunity to fund upgrades reducing the risk of future storm damage,” said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. “I encourage businesses and homeowners to work with contractors and mitigation professionals to improve their storm readiness while taking advantage of SBA’s physical damage loans.”

SBA’s [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#) program is available to eligible businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations including faith-based organizations impacted by financial losses directly related to this disaster. The

SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for aquaculture enterprises.

Interest rates can be as low as 4% for businesses, 3.625% for nonprofits, and 2.875% for homeowners and renters, with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not begin to accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms, based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The filing deadline to submit applications for physical damage is **April 6**. However, after the deadline has passed, there is a 60-day grace period in which SBA will accept applications.

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