



# Disaster News Release

Federal Disaster Loans for  
Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all sizes

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## SBA ANNOUNCES REMINDER FOR TEMPORARY DISASTER ASSISTANCE OFFICES REOPENING DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

**JACKSON, MS** – Help with SBA disaster loan applications is still available at the temporary disaster assistance offices that reopen today, December 27<sup>th</sup>. That means that homeowners, renters, landlords, and business owners can get personal help with their SBA disaster loan applications, according to SBA Disaster Area Director Michael C. Allen.

### SBA Disaster Loan Assistance Offices will reopen on December 27<sup>th</sup> at:

DeSoto County Department of Human Services  
2725 Highway 51 South  
Hernando, Mississippi 38632

Madison County Department of Human Services  
867 MLK Drive  
Canton, Mississippi 39046

Old South Panola Hospital  
155 Keating Road  
Batesville, Mississippi 38606

Washington County Department of Human Services  
925 Main Street  
Greenville, Mississippi 38701

Delta State University, Broom Hall – Room 135  
Cleveland, Mississippi 38733

**All offices will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter, all offices will return to their regular schedule Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., until further notice. Offices will also be closed on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1.**

Allen pointed out that insurance rarely covers the full cost of repairing disaster-related damage. Insurance settlement information is not required when you apply to SBA. Approved loans can be adjusted later for any insurance recovery. Applying now means you can have the extra funds in place if your insurance doesn't cover all your needs. If you don't need the loan, it can be cancelled. The only cost to you is the time it took to complete your application.

Even if you have insurance, you should call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 1-800-621-FEMA(3362) and register for assistance as quickly as possible. This one call will get you referred to the agency best able to meet your disaster-related needs, Allen said.

The deadline for SBA applications is February 5, 2002. Applications will not be accepted after that date.

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Information about the disaster program is available on SBA's homepage at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)