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U.S. Small Businesses Administration (SBA) loan deadline is May 25

SBA, low-interest, long-term disaster loans are the number one federal resource for recovery funding and offer an affordable way for individuals and businesses to rebuild and recover. **As of Feb. 1:**

- Total SBA applications received: **108,628** (+41 from previous day)
- Total SBA loans approved for businesses and homeowners: **\$3.1 billion** (+\$3.7 million from previous day)

Even though the deadline to apply for an SBA disaster loan for property damage has passed, small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, still have until **May 25, 2018** to apply for an economic injury disaster loan to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. They may apply at any center or online using SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

SBA representatives are still available at all the federal-state Disaster Recovery Centers and Disaster Loan Outreach Centers throughout the affected areas to explain SBA's disaster loan program and help business owners and residents close their approved disaster loans.



Human Services Programs

In addition to financial assistance to survivors, FEMA has provided funding to date for the following disaster related programs:

- **\$549 million** in Disaster Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program funding through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
- **\$54 million** federal in funding to Texas food banks.
- **\$2.8 million** in Disaster Crisis Counseling through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- **\$24 million** in Immediate Disaster Case management through the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.
- **\$16.5 million** in Disaster Unemployment Assistance disbursed to eligible survivors through the Texas Workforce Commission.
- **\$5,000** toward Disaster Legal Aid, through the American Bar Association, for the first 30 days of the disaster.



Texas Recovery Moves Forward: The Appeal Process

- **If you disagree with a determination letter that indicates you're ineligible for disaster assistance, you have the right to appeal.** First read the letter carefully to understand the reason for the decision, such as missing documentation or multiple applications. For more information, go to DisasterAssistance.gov, call **800-621-3362 (800-462-7585 for TTY)**, or visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find center locations and hours, go to fema.gov/DRC.
- **If you decide to appeal, you need to do so within 60 days of the date of your determination letter.** Appeals and supporting documentation can be uploaded quickly to a survivor's account on DisasterAssistance.gov; faxed to **800-827-8112** with the cover sheet provided with the FEMA determination letter; or submitted at a Disaster Recovery Center where assistance is also available to help ensure all necessary documents are included. Appeals may also be sent to: FEMA National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055.
- **If you could not file an appeal within the 60-day appeal period due to health issues or other circumstances, please provide a written or verbal explanation.** FEMA will consider these appeals on a **case-by-case basis** in order to achieve the greatest equity and fairest result for disaster assistance to Texans.
- **You will receive a final determination in writing from FEMA within 90 days from the date FEMA received your appeal.** That decision is final.



Home repair information available in Harris, Nueces, and Orange Counties Feb. 05, 2018 - Feb. 10, 2018

As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, FEMA and home improvement stores in Harris, Nueces and Orange counties

are teaming up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.

FEMA mitigation specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer tips and techniques to build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods that will prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. Most of the information and the free publications provided are geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Recovery topics covered include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded homes. Free reference booklets with information on protecting a home from flood damage will be available. FEMA advisers will be available at these stores:

County	Locations	Dates and Hours
Harris	Westbury Sq. Home Depot (Store #578) 11500 Chimney Rock, Houston, 77035	Mon. Feb. 5: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tues. Feb. 6 – Sat. Feb. 10: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Pin Oak Home Depot (Store #566) 5445 West Loop, Houston, 77081	Mon. Feb. 5a: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tues. Feb. 6 – Sat. Feb. 10: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Harris	Kingsbridge Home Depot (Store #6860) 10419 Highway 6 South, Sugar Land, 77498	Mon. Feb. 5: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tues. Feb. 6 – Sat. Feb. 10: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Nueces	Five Point Home Depot (Store #6564) 13202 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, 78410	Mon. Feb. 5: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tues. Feb. 6 – Sat. Feb. 10: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Orange	Orange Home Depot (Store #8419) 603 Strickland Drive, Orange, 77630	Mon. Feb. 5: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tues. Feb. 6 – Sat. Feb. 10: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation.

For other information about mitigation, visit www.fema.gov/what-mitigation.

More information about strengthening properties can be found at www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page

at www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account

at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.



Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) mid-term eligibility determinations made; survivors informed of status

All Harvey survivors staying in hotels under the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program are in the process of receiving a phone call, email, or text message advising them if they are eligible to stay beyond Feb. 20.

Guests who are unsure of their continued TSA eligibility and check-out date can:

- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** (voice, 711 or VRS) or **800-462-7585** (TTY).
- Log into their account on DisasterAssistance.gov/.
- Visit a Disaster Recover Center (DRC). For DRC locations and hours go to www.fema.gov/DRC.
- Ask the front desk clerk to look in the CLC Lodging web portal to see whether they have eligibility beyond Feb. 20.

TSA is a temporary sheltering program. Under TSA, FEMA pays directly for short-term lodging for eligible survivors while they repair their homes or look for alternative housing.

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***NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:** Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (voice), 711/VRS – (Video Relay Service), (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).*