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## SBA Disaster Assistance Available to Louisiana Private Nonprofit Organizations

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to certain private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in Louisiana following President Obama’s federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance as a result of the severe storms and flooding that began Aug. 11, 2016, announced Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). PNPs that provide essential services of a governmental nature are eligible for assistance.

SBA disaster assistance is now available in Acadia, Ascension, Avoyelles, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, Saint Helena, Saint Landry, Saint Martin, Saint Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Washington and West Feliciana parishes.

“PNP organizations should contact Joseph Costello, state applicant liaison group lead, at (225) 620-6280 or [Joseph.Costello@la.gov](mailto:Joseph.Costello@la.gov) to obtain information about applicant briefings” said Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA’s Disaster Field Operations Center-West. “At the briefings, PNP representatives will need to provide information about their organization,” continued Garfield. FEMA will use that information to determine if the PNP provides an “essential governmental service” and is a “critical facility” as defined by law. If so, FEMA may provide the PNP with a Public Assistance grant for their eligible costs. If not, FEMA may refer the PNP to SBA for disaster loan assistance.

SBA may lend PNPs up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For certain private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help with meeting working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDLs may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster’s impact. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the nonprofit suffered any property damage.

The interest rate is 2.625 percent with terms up to 30 years. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is Oct. 17, 2016. The deadline to return economic injury applications is May 16, 2017.

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

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955 or emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. For more disaster assistance information or to download applications, visit <https://www.sba.gov/disaster>. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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