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# News Release

## **San Jacinto Added to Disaster Declaration for Tropical Storm Imelda**

**AUSTIN, Texas** – San Jacinto County has been designated for disaster assistance as part of Texas’s federal disaster declaration for severe storms and flooding that occurred Sept. 17-23. Survivors of Tropical Storm Imelda may now register for assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

This announcement brings the total number of counties designated for Individual Assistance to seven with today’s addition. Other counties previously declared are Harris, Chambers, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange, and Montgomery.

State and local officials continue to assess damages to determine whether federal thresholds have been met for public assistance.

Individual Assistance for homeowners and renters may be eligible for grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other assistance programs.

To register, go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov), call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 or visit a Disaster Recovery Center. Help is available in most languages and phone lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Survivors who plan to register with FEMA at a Disaster Recovery Center should have the following information:

- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged primary residence
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Low-interest disaster loans from SBA are also available to businesses, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters to cover residential and business losses as a result of the disaster. Applicants can visit a DRC for one-on-one assistance, visit [www.SBA.gov/disaster](http://www.SBA.gov/disaster), or call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955**.

Disaster recovery centers are accessible to people with disabilities. American Sign Language interpreters may be available to assist at a DRC.

FEMA Disaster survivors who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585 to register. Those who use 711 or VRS (Video Relay Service) or require accommodations while visiting a center may call 800-621-3362. All disaster recovery centers are accessible and equipped with tools to accommodate disaster survivors who need disability-related communication aids.

Survivors can find DRCs within the Tropical Storm Imelda declared area by using the online FEMA DRC Locator at <https://gateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator>.

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*FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during and after disasters.*

*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 faced discrimination, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362, voice/VP/711. Multilingual operators are available. TTY users may call 800-462-7585.*

*The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or visit SBA at [www.SBA.gov/disaster](http://www.SBA.gov/disaster).*



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## GETTING DISASTER HELP FROM SBA

### *WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW*

- ◆ SBA offers federal low-interest disaster loans to **businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters.**
- ◆ Businesses of any size may borrow **up to \$2 million** to repair/replace disaster property damage.
- ◆ Small businesses, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations may also borrow to help meet disaster caused working capital needs. The \$2 million maximum applies to the combination of property damage and working capital loans.
- ◆ If you are a **homeowner** or **renter**, FEMA may refer you to SBA. SBA disaster loans are the primary source of money to pay for repair or replacement costs not fully covered by insurance or other compensation.
- ◆ Homeowners may borrow **up to \$200,000** to repair or replace their primary residence.
- ◆ Homeowners and renters may borrow **up to \$40,000** to replace personal property, including vehicles.

### *WHAT YOU NEED TO DO*

- ◆ Register with FEMA at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov). This is the fastest way to register for help.
- ◆ **Homeowners and renters should submit their SBA disaster loan application, even if they are not sure if they will need or want a loan. If SBA cannot approve your application, in most cases we refer you to FEMA's Other Needs Assistance (ONA) program for possible additional assistance.**

### *THREE WAYS TO APPLY TO SBA*

- ◆ Apply online using SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.
- ◆ Apply in person at any Disaster Recovery Center and receive personal, one-on-one help from an SBA representative. For additional information or to find a location near you, visit our website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster), call SBA at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.
- ◆ Apply by mail: Send completed paper application to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.



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## OBTENIENDO AYUDA DE DESASTRES DE SBA

### *LO QUE USTED DEBE SABER*

- ◆ SBA ofrece préstamos a bajos intereses a **dueños de hogares, inquilinos, negocios de todos tamaños y organizaciones privadas sin fines de lucro.**
- ◆ Los negocios pueden pedir prestado **hasta \$2 millones** para cualquier combinación de los daños materiales o económicos.
- ◆ SBA ofrece préstamos para capital de trabajo a bajos intereses (llamados **Préstamos para Perdidas Económicas**) a los pequeños negocios, los pequeños negocios dedicados a la acuicultura y la mayoría de las organizaciones privadas, sin fines de lucro de todos los tamaños que tienen dificultades para cumplir las obligaciones como consecuencia del desastre.
- ◆ Si usted es un **dueño de hogar o inquilino**, FEMA lo puede referir con SBA. Préstamos para desastre de SBA son la fuente principal de dinero para pagar por los costos de reparación o reemplazo por **daños** que no estuvieron cubiertos por un seguro u otra compensación.
- ◆ Los dueños de hogares pueden recibir préstamos de **hasta \$200,000** para reparar o reemplazar su residencia principal.
- ◆ Los dueños de hogar e inquilinos pueden recibir préstamos de **hasta \$40,000** para reemplazar propiedad personal.

### *LO QUE DEBE HACER*

- ◆ Comience por inscribirse con FEMA en el [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov). Esto es la forma más rápida de inscribirse para recibir ayuda.
- ◆ **Los dueños de hogares e inquilinos deben enviar su solicitud de préstamo por desastre a SBA, incluso si no están seguros si van a necesitar o querer un préstamo. Si SBA no puede aprobar su solicitud de préstamo, en la mayoría de los casos, estos serán referidos al programa de FEMA's Other Needs Assistance (ONA) para obtener posible ayuda adicional.**

### *TRES MANERAS DE APLICAR A SBA*

#### *Después de registrarse con FEMA*

- ◆ Aplicar en línea utilizando la Electronic Loan Application (ELA) – (Aplicación de Préstamo Electrónico), a través del sitio red seguro de SBA en <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.
- ◆ Aplicar en persona en cualquiera de los Disaster Recovery Center (Centro de Recuperación de Desastre) y reciba ayuda personal, de un representante de SBA. Para obtener más información o para encontrar un centro cerca de usted visite nuestro sitio en la red en [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster) o llame a SBA al (800) 659-2955. Las personas sordas o con problemas de audición pueden llamar al (800) 877-8339.
- ◆ Aplicar por correo: completar una solicitud de préstamo en papel y enviarlo por correo a SBA en: 14925 Kingsport Road., Ft. Worth, TX 76155.