# An SBA Disaster Loan May be the Key to Your Recovery

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#### I Don't Own a Business, Why Do I Need an SBA Loan?

While most people think of the SBA as only helping small businesses, in times of disaster, low-interest disaster loans can help businesses of any size, homeowners and renters affected by disaster.

Homeowners can receive up to \$200,000 for the repair or replacement of real estate. Homeowners and renters may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. Loan amounts cannot exceed the uninsured disaster loss, as verified by SBA.

#### What Should I Do if I'm Referred to SBA?

FEMA may refer you to the SBA if your income meets minimum loan guidelines. If you are referred to SBA for a disaster loan, it is important that you take the time to apply. To receive further FEMA assistance, you must be denied for a loan.

If an SBA loan doesn't cover all your needs – you may be eligible for additional FEMA grant assistance to replace essential household items, replace or repair a damaged vehicle, cover storage expenses or meet other disaster-related needs.

There is no obligation to accept a disaster loan. FEMA will help applicants who refuse an SBA loan with referrals to community partners like volunteer and community agencies to assist with disaster needs.

#### **Types of Loans**

There are three types of loans for homeowners/renters and small businesses:

Home Disaster Loans—Deadline to apply is Sept. 28, 2022—Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles.



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## Business Physical Disaster Loans—Deadline to apply is Sept. 28, 2022

—Loans up to \$2 million to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. Private, non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible.

### Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)—Deadline to apply is May 1, 2023

—Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.



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