

Kea‘au Disaster Recovery Center will close on Sundays

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HONOLULU—The Disaster Recovery Center in Kea‘au will close on Sundays beginning July 22.

Weekdays, the DRC will remain open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to help Hawai‘i County residents who suffered losses from the Kilauea eruptions and earthquakes. The center will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Located at Kea‘au High School Gymnasium, 16-725 Kea‘au-Pahoa Rd., the center is staffed by representatives of FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration, state and county and voluntary agencies.

Survivors may also register online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by phone at 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585.

Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay service may call 800-621-3362. The toll-free numbers are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Disaster assistance can include FEMA grants for temporary housing, home repairs and replacement, as well as low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans are available to businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries.

Applicants may apply to the SBA online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

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The SBA is the federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all



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sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.



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