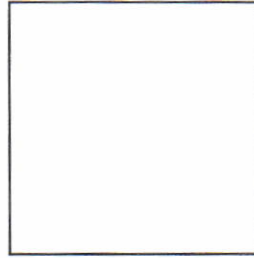


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Dear Justin,

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved the Governor's request to declare a disaster in Berks County due to significant flood damage to homes and businesses sustained from severe storms June 20 – 21, 2019.

Homeowners, renters and businesses affected by the storms in Berks County, as well as neighboring counties Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery and Schuylkill may be eligible for low-interest disaster loans through the SBA Disaster Loan Programs. I kindly encourage you to share this information with the homeowners, renters, and businesses in your municipality.

Low-interest loans of up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. SBA regulations permit loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. Businesses and nonprofits can borrow up to \$2 million to restore damaged or destroyed buildings, inventory, equipment and assets. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial qualifications.

The SBA established a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) to assist anyone who wishes to apply for a loan. The DLOC will be open at the following location and times:

Spring Township Fire and Rescue
2301 Monroe Avenue
Reading, PA 19609

Hours:

Hours: Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closing: Thursday, August 1 at 4 p.m.

SBA customer service representatives will be on hand at the DLOC to issue loan applications, answer questions about the disaster loan program, explain the application process and help individuals to complete their applications.

Individuals and businesses unable to visit the centers in person may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or by e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Loan applications can also be downloaded at www.sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Completed

applications should be returned to the local DLOC or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Sept. 20, 2019. The deadline to return economic injury disaster loan applications is April 22, 2020.

Sincerely,

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