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Residents, business owners can apply for Irma assistance through the Small Business Administration

September 15, 2017 – Residents who suffered hurricane-related damages can apply for disaster assistance through the Small Business Administration’s Disaster Loan Program.

The program is provided through a partnership between the Small Business Administration and FEMA.

“It is very important that survivors understand how the FEMA and SBA programs work together so that they can utilize the best possible options for them in their recovery,” said Adrianne LaNeave, SBA Public Affairs Specialist. “The SBA Disaster Loan Program is available to the homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes that were affected.”

Three types of disaster loans are available: Business Physical Disaster Loans, Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Home Disaster Loans, which are available to homeowners and renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles.

Application deadlines are November 9, 2017 for physical damages and June 11, 2018 for “economic injury” which includes funds to help businesses and non-profits meet “ordinary and necessary” financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster.

Applicants must have an acceptable credit history, must show the ability to repay all loans, and must have collateral.

For more information, contact SBA’s Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA’s Web site at http://www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure Web site at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.
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