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Sept. 16 is the final day to register for federal assistance

Disaster Recovery Centers remain open after Monday registration deadline has passed

AUSTIN, Texas – Monday, Sept. 16 is the final day for South Texans with damages from the June severe storms and flooding to register for FEMA grants. The Texas counties designated for federal individual assistance are: Cameron, Willacy and Hidalgo.

FEMA assistance to individuals and families recovering from the floods in South Texas tops \$11.7 million. This includes \$10.1 million in FEMA housing assistance and \$1.6 million in other needs assistance. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved more than \$12.2 million in low-interest disaster loans. And, the National Flood Insurance Program approved claims worth more than \$43 million.

Registering with FEMA is easy and there are multiple ways to do so before the Sept. 16 deadline:

- Go online to www.disasterassistance.gov.
- Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. Phone lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT, seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are on duty.
- Use FEMA's disaster app on your smartphone. If you haven't downloaded the app yet, you can go to www.fema.gov/mobile-app.
- Register at one of three Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs). Check this link for locations and times: <https://egateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator>. Recovery centers will remain open after the registration deadline to provide other assistance and resources to survivors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The filing deadline to return SBA loan applications for physical property damage is also Sept. 16. Information about how to apply for low-interest SBA loans for businesses and residents is available online at www.SBA.gov/disaster. You may also call 800-659-2955 or email

DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call 800-877-8339.

SBA offers federal low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters.

For further information, visit the South Texas disaster webpage at www.fema.gov/disaster/4454, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/FEMARegion6> or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at <https://www.tdem.texas.gov>.

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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 been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (voice, 711/VRS - Video Relay Service) (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).

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 sizes, private non-profit 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. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339.