



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE SEVERE STORMS AND TORNADO IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

At the request of Governor Greg Abbott, the SBA under its own authority issued a Disaster Declaration allowing low-interest federal disaster loans to become available to residents and businesses affected by the severe storms and tornado that made landfall on Saturday, May 13, 2023. The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in Cameron County and the contiguous Counties of Hidalgo and Willacy.

Home Disaster Loans, Business Physical Disaster Loans, and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), are available, with application filing deadlines of July 24, 2023, for Physical Damages, and February 26, 2024, for Economic Injury.

Effective today, May 26, 2023, a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) located in the Cameron County Benito Ochoa III, Annex Building, 505 Highway 100, Port Isabel, TX 78578, is operational with SBA customer service representatives available on-site to answer any questions and help complete applications.

The DLOC will be available for the next two weeks, beginning today at 1:00 p.m., and continuing Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The DLOC will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

On May 13, 2023, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster, and issued an Emergency Local Ingress and Egress Restriction Order in response to the severe weather event for the protection of life, health, and property. On May 20, 2023, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. extended the declaration of local disaster, and on May 23, 2023, issued an Emergency Management Order requiring individuals, groups, non-profit and non-governmental organizations providing aid to Laguna Heights register with Cameron County Emergency Management.

Please view the U.S. Small Business Administration Fact Sheet for more information on eligibility and related financial assistance.

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