



Disaster Field Operations Center West

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SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center to Close in Blair

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – [Francisco Sánchez Jr.](#), associate administrator for the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the Small Business Administration, announced today that SBA will close its Blair Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Washington County at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 15.

“SBA opened the center to provide personalized assistance to Nebraska businesses and residents who were affected by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes that occurred April 25 - 27. Until the center closes, SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available to meet with businesses and residents to answer their questions, explain SBA’s disaster loan program and close their approved disaster loans,” said Sánchez.

Businesses and residents can meet with SBA representatives on the days and times as indicated below. No appointment is necessary.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
First Lutheran Church
2146 Wright St.
Blair, NE 68008

Mondays - Fridays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Closes at 6 p.m. Monday, July 15

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$500,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$100,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property, including personal vehicles.

Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 3.25 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 2.688 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Interest does not begin to accrue until 12 months from the date of the first disaster loan disbursement. SBA disaster loan repayment begins 12 months from the date of the first disbursement.

Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at [SBA.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster). 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. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The deadline to apply for property damage is July 15, 2024. The deadline to apply for economic injury is Feb. 3, 2025.

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