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## News Release

### It's Important to Submit an SBA Loan Application

**CLANTON, Ala.** – After you apply for disaster assistance from FEMA, you may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration. If you are referred to SBA, you should complete and submit the application.

If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept the SBA disaster loan but failure to submit the application may disqualify you from other possible FEMA assistance, such as disaster-related car repairs, essential household items and other expenses.

SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors. In planning your recovery, give yourself the widest possible set of options. Submitting the application makes it possible for homeowners and renters to be considered for additional FEMA grants.

Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at [DisasterLoan.sba.gov](https://DisasterLoan.sba.gov) or they may email [FOCE-Help@SBA.gov](mailto:FOCE-Help@SBA.gov) for more information on SBA's disaster assistance program.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call **800-877-8339**.

Businesses may borrow up to \$2 million for any combination of property damage or working capital. Homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 from SBA to repair or replace their primary residence. Homeowners and renters may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **June 25, 2021**. The deadline to return working capital applications is **Jan. 26, 2022**.

For referrals to Alabama's health and human service agencies as well as community organizations, dial **211**, text **888-421-1266**, or chat with referral specialists via [www.211connectsalabama.org](http://www.211connectsalabama.org).

For more information on Alabama's disaster recovery, visit [ema.alabama.gov](http://ema.alabama.gov), [AlabamaEMA Facebook page](#), [www.fema.gov/disaster/4596](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4596) and [www.facebook.com/fema](http://www.facebook.com/fema).

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