



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Donna Faller, Program Manager, Office of Homeland Security
via Javier Mainar, Fire Chief  

SUBJECT: U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans for the 2010 Winter Storms

The County Office of Emergency Services advised the City that, in association with the federal disaster declaration made on January 26, 2011, U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans are being made available to residents adversely affected by the severe winter storms, flooding, and debris and mud flows that occurred December 18, 2010 through January 4, 2011. The County is expected to provide a press release on this matter today.

These federal disaster loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the disaster. Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Businesses of any size and private, non-profit 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 homeowners and businesses to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. Specific eligibility requirements will apply to all loan types.

While loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based upon each applicant's financial condition, interest rates can be as low as 2.25 percent for homeowners and renters, 3 percent for private, non-profit organizations and 4 percent for businesses, with terms up to 30 years.

Affected businesses, organizations, and individuals will be able to apply online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> and/or receive additional information at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or (800) 659-2955. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is April 4, 2011. The deadline to return economic injury applications is November 2, 2011.