



# News Release

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## SBA DISASTER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR SELECT COUNTIES DUE TO DECEMBER STORMS AND FLOODS

**PEARL** – Gov. Phil Bryant’s request for disaster assistance in response to the December 27-28, 2018 severe weather and floods was approved by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Residents, businesses and non-profit organizations affected by the weather event are eligible to apply for low interest loans for recovery.

The declaration covers Clarke, Forrest, Jones, Perry, and Wayne Counties as the primary recipients and the adjacent counties of Covington, George, Greene, Jasper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Newton, Pearl River, Smith and Stone.

The SBA will open Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in the following counties and are open as indicated below:

<p><b><u>Clarke County</u></b>  Clarke County Emergency Management Agency  <a href="#">642 South Archusa Avenue</a>  Quitman, MS 39355</p> <p>Opens: Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m.  Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  Closed: Sundays</p>	<p><b><u>Forrest County</u></b>  CE Roy Community Center  <a href="#">300 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street</a>  Hattiesburg, MS 39401</p> <p>Opens: Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m.  Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  Closed: Sundays</p>
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<p><b><u>Jones County</u></b> Jones County Emergency Management Agency <a href="#">22 Mason Street</a> Laurel, MS 39440</p> <p>Opens: Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Closed: Sundays</p>	<p><b><u>Perry County</u></b> Perry County Multipurpose Center <a href="#">1194 Hwy 15</a> Richton, MS 39476</p> <p>Opens: Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Closed: Sundays</p>
<p><b><u>Wayne County</u></b> City Four Voting Precinct <a href="#">810 Chickasawhay Street</a> Waynesboro, MS 39367</p> <p>Opens: Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Closed: Sundays</p>	

SBA Customer Service and MEMA representatives will be available at each Disaster Loan Outreach Center.

Applicants can apply at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center, online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>, by calling 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf or hard-of-hearing) or by emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Loans to businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations will be available to repair damage to real estate, machinery, equipment and inventory.

MEMA continues to work with officials in the impacted counties to assist residents affected by the storms and floods. For more information or questions, contact MEMA External Affairs or visit [www.msema.org](http://www.msema.org). For details about SBA visit [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).

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