## Survivors Have Until Midnight Today to Apply for FEMA Assistance

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**San Diego, Calif.** — Survivors of the Jan. 21-23, 2024, San Diego County severe storm and flooding disaster have until midnight tonight, April 19, to apply for FEMA assistance for temporary lodging, basic home repairs, personal property losses and other disaster-related expenses.

## **Ongoing FEMA Assistance**

After the application deadline, survivors can continue to update their applications, submit additional documentation and check their application status online or by phone.

- The easiest way to contact FEMA is to call the Helpline.
  - Call toll-free 800-621-3362, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. PT, daily.
  - Multilingual operators are available to answer questions, update applications and assist with appeals.
- Survivors have access to FEMA 24/7/365 on the website and mobile app.
  - Apply for FEMA assistance, update information, submit documents and file an appeal at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>.
  - Use the FEMA Mobile App to apply and review application progress.

## **SBA Disaster Assistance Loans**

The deadline for SBA applications is also Friday, April 19. Survivors who applied for disaster assistance from FEMA may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). SBA disaster loans may cover losses that are not fully covered by insurance or other sources. Completing the application may make you eligible for other FEMA assistance, such as disaster related car repairs, essential household items, and other expenses. If your application is approved, you are not required to accept an SBA disaster loan.



Businesses may borrow up to \$2 million for any combination of property damage or working capital (Economic Injury Disaster Loans). Homeowners may borrow up to \$500,000 from SBA to repair or replace their primary residence. Homeowners and renters may borrow up to \$100,000 to repair or replace personal property.

Applicants may apply online at <a href="mailto:sba.gov/disaster">sba.gov/disaster</a>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955, or email <a href="mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov">disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</a> for more information on SBA disaster assistance. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

For the latest FEMA information on the Jan. 21-23, 2024, San Diego County severe storms and flooding, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4758.

