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SBA Corrects Hours for Henry County Business Recovery Center in Georgia

ATLANTA – The <u>U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)</u> is correcting the hours for its Henry County Business Recovery Center in Locust Grove, Ga. It is operating at the Locust Grove Public Library from noon to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and is closed Sunday. A press release on Jan. 26 listed the hours incorrectly.

SBA opened its Business Recovery Centers to assist Georgians with applying for SBA disaster loans for losses due to severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes that occurred Jan. 12.

The disaster declaration includes Butts, Henry, Jasper, Meriwether, Newton, Spalding and Troup counties in **Georgia**, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs): Clayton, Coweta, DeKalb, Fayette, Harris, Heard, Jones, Lamar, Monroe, Morgan, Pike, Putnam, Rockdale, Talbot, Upson and Walton in **Georgia**; and Chambers and Randolph in **Alabama**.

SBA's Customer Service Representatives are available to assist business owners and residents as indicated below until further notice:

Business Recovery Center	Business Recovery Center
Henry County	Jasper County
Locust Grove Public Library <u>115 MLK Jr Blvd.</u> Locust Grove, GA 30248 Hours: Monday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed: Sunday	New Rocky Creek Baptist Church <u>190 Rocky Creek Road</u> Mansfield, GA 30055 Hours: Monday to Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed: Sunday

Business Recovery Center	Business Recovery Center
Newton County	Spalding County
Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center Mobley Hall <u>720 FFA FHA Camp Rd</u> Covington, GA 30014 Hours: Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed: Sunday	Spalding Senior Center <u>885 Memorial Drive</u> Griffin, GA 30223 Hours: Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed: Sunday
<u>Business Recovery Center</u> <u>Troup County</u>	
William Griggs Recreation Center <u>716 Glenn Robertson Drive</u> LaGrange, GA 30241	
Hours: Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed: Sunday	

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <u>https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/</u> and should apply under SBA declaration **# 17761.**

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Disaster loan information and application forms can also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 telecommunications relav services) to access or sending an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded from sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is <u>March 17, 2023</u>. The deadline to return economic injury applications is <u>Oct. 16, 2023</u>.

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About the U.S. Small Business Administration

Recently, U.S. SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman <u>announced a policy change</u> granting 12 months of no payments and 0 percent interest. This pertains to all disaster loans approved in response to disasters declared on or after Sept. 21, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023. This policy change will benefit disaster survivors and help them to decrease the overall cost of recovery by reducing the amount of accrued interest they must repay. Details are available through the SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. Individuals with verbal or hearing impairments may dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Monday to Friday, or email: <u>DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov</u>. The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only goto resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit <u>www.sba.gov</u>.