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# News Release

## **Disaster Recovery Center in Newton County Transitions to SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center**

**AUSTIN, Texas** – To continue meeting the needs of Texas businesses and residents affected by Hurricane Harvey, a State of Texas/Federal Disaster Recovery Center in the city of Orange will transition to a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) starting 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

The DLOC will operate at this location:

### **Newton County**

#### **Deweyville Senior Center**

43435 State Hwy. 87 S

Orange TX 77614

**Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m to 6 p.m.**

SBA representatives at this DLOC, as well as all of the federal/state Disaster Recovery Centers, SBA Business Recovery Centers and SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers located throughout the disaster area will continue to meet with business owners, homeowners and renters to help them with the disaster loan application process and close their approved loans. For additional information or to find a location near you call SBA at (800) 659-2955, visit [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster), or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The SBA can also lend additional funds to help businesses and residents with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of all sizes, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela).

Survivors can still check the status of their FEMA application for federal disaster assistance in the following ways:

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Calling the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** (voice, **711/VRS**-Video Relay Service) (TTY: **800-462-7585**). Multilingual operators are available (press **2** for Spanish).
- Via the **FEMA app**, available for **Apple** and **Android** mobile devices. To download visit: [fema.gov/mobile-app](https://fema.gov/mobile-app).
- Visiting any of the disaster recovery centers still open. DRC locations and hours can be found online at [fema.gov/DRC](https://fema.gov/DRC).

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*FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.*

*Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at **800-621-3362** (voice, **711/VRS** - Video Relay Service) (TTY: **800-462-7585**). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).*

*The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or visiting SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster). Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339.*