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News Release

It's Important to Return Your SBA Loan Application

Spokane, Wash. – Gray and Oregon Road Wildfire 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.

If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept an SBA disaster loan. However, completing the application may make you eligible for other FEMA assistance, such as disaster related car repairs, essential household items, and other expenses.

SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors. In planning your recovery, give yourself the widest possible set of options. Completing the application makes it possible for you to be considered for additional grants, and if you qualify for a loan, you will have that resource available if you choose to use it.

You may also visit one of the Disaster Recovery Centers in Elk or Medical Lake to speak with an SBA representative in person about questions you may have.

Applicants may apply online at www.sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955, or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov 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. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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.

The deadline to return SBA loan applications for property damage is April 20, 2024.

The Disaster Recovery Centers are located in the community of Elk and the city of Medical Lake:

Elk

Country Church of the Open Bible
40015 North Collins Road
Elk, WA 99009

Medical Lake

Medical Lake City Hall
124 South Lefevre Street
Medical Lake, WA 99022

Hours of operations for both centers:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:30 am – 6:30 pm

*(*The Medical Lake Center will close early at 6 pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month)*

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sundays closed.

FEMA is committed to ensuring disaster assistance is accomplished equitably, without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Any disaster survivor or member of the public may contact the FEMA Civil Rights Office if they feel that they are the victim of discrimination. FEMA's Civil Rights Office can be contacted at 833-285-7448. Multilingual operators are available.

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