



Disaster Field Operations Center West

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SBA to Open Business Recovery Center in Camarillo to Help Businesses Impacted by the Wildfires

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The U.S. Small Business Administration today announced the opening of an SBA Business Recovery Center in Camarillo to provide a wide range of services to businesses impacted by the wildfires that began Nov. 8, 2018. The center will open at 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 16.

“Due to the severe property damage and economic losses wildfires inflicted on California businesses, we want to provide every available service to help get them back on their feet,” said SBA’s Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Disaster Field Operations Center-West. “The center will provide a one-stop location for businesses to access a variety of specialized help. SBA customer service representatives and Small Business Development Center business advisors will be available to meet individually with each business owner,” she added. No appointment is necessary. All services are provided free of charge.

VENTURA COUNTY

SBA Business Recovery Center
Ventura County Community Foundation Building
Economic Development Collaborative (EDC)
4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Suite B
Camarillo, CA 93012

Opens 9 a.m. Friday, November 16

Hours: Mondays thru Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Closed: Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving

“SBA customer service representatives will meet with each business owner to explain how an SBA disaster loan can help finance their recovery. They will answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each business owner complete their electronic loan application,” Garfield said.

According to Ray Bowman, Director, Ventura, Santa Barbara Small Business Development Center, SBDC business advisors at the center will provide business assistance to clients on a wide variety of matters designed to help small business owners re-establish their operations,

overcome the effects of the disaster and plan for their future. “Services include assessing business working capital needs, evaluating the business’s strength, cash flow projections, and most importantly, a review of options with the business owner to help them evaluate their alternatives and make decisions that are appropriate for their situation,” he said.

According to Garfield, businesses of any size 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. These loans cover losses that are not fully covered by insurance or other recoveries.

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

For business owners who are unable to visit the business recovery center, they may apply online using SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

SBA representatives will also meet with business owners and residents at disaster recovery centers located throughout the impacted area once they are established. For a list of locations, or to receive additional disaster assistance information, visit SBA’s website 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. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for property damage is Jan. 11, 2019. The deadline to apply for economic injury is Aug. 12, 2019.

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