

I would like to make you aware of new federal disaster assistance available through the **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**. If your business was impacted by the recent severe winter storms and is located in a declared disaster area, you may be eligible for a low-interest federal disaster loan through the SBA.

The SBA has published a [fact sheet](#) with more information on loan eligibility, specifics regarding interest rates and other loan details. To apply for a disaster assistance loan through the SBA, visit the [SBA's Disaster Loan Assistance website](#).

The SBA has also established two new resources to help address disaster loan questions. Starting February 23, 2021, **The Virtual Business Recovery Center** and **The Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center** may be reached Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. by calling (800) 659-2955 or emailing [FOCWAssistance@sba.gov](mailto:FOCWAssistance@sba.gov).

**For individuals interested in all forms of disaster assistance, those affected must first contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**. To determine if you are eligible to apply, visit the [FEMA website](#) to see if you are located in a disaster area. You may also review FEMA's [FAQs](#) on the application process.

To get updates on any new information regarding these resources and other COVID-19 recovery resources through the SBA, please visit the [SBA's website](#).

Also, there is a free Governor's Small Business webinar, March 3, 1pm – 2pm, discussing the next round of the PPP, as well as SBA programs for assistance from the winter storms and covid-19.

Click here to register for the free webinar: <https://gov.texas.gov/business/event/updates-on-the-new-round-of-ppp-funding>