



## DISASTER FIELD OPERATIONS CENTER WEST

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### **SBA Offers Relief to Oregon Small Businesses, Private Nonprofits and Residents Affected by the Rowena Wildfire** **Low interest disaster loans now available**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) announced the availability of low interest federal disaster loans to Oregon small businesses, private nonprofits and residents to offset physical and economic losses from the Rowena Wildfire occurring June 11-19. The SBA issued a disaster declaration in response to a request received from Gov. Tina Kotek on July 14.

The declaration covers the Oregon counties of Clackamas, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Marion, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler as well as the Washington county of Klickitat.

Businesses and nonprofits are eligible to apply for business [physical disaster loans](#) and may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

Homeowners and renters are eligible to apply for home and personal property loans and may borrow up to \$100,000 to replace or repair personal property, such as clothing, furniture, cars, and appliances. Homeowners may apply for up to \$500,000 to replace or repair their primary residence.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan increase of up to 20% of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements include insulating pipes, walls and attics, weather stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows to help protect property and occupants from future disasters.

SBA's [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#) program is available to eligible small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations impacted by financial losses directly related to this disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. They may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

Interest rates are as low as 4% for businesses, 3.625% for nonprofits, and 2.813% for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not begin to accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

“When disasters strike, SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Centers play a vital role in helping small businesses and their communities recover,” said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. “At these centers, SBA specialists assist business owners and residents with disaster loan applications and provide information on the full range of recovery programs available.”

Beginning Friday, July 18, SBA customer service representatives will be on hand at the following Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application. Walk-ins are accepted, but you can schedule an in-person appointment in advance at [appointment.sba.gov](https://appointment.sba.gov).

The DLOC hours of operation are as follows:

**WASCO COUNTY**

Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
The Gloria Center  
2505 W. Seventh St.  
The Dalles, OR 97058

**Opens at 12 p.m. Friday, July 18**

Mondays - Fridays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

To apply online, visit [sba.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster). Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The deadline to return physical damage applications is **Sept. 15, 2025**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **April 16, 2026**.

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