




Southeast Ohio Floods - Sept. 2004

Stark County - June 2006

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SBA DISASTER NEWS

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Deadline Approaching

Businesses in the Ohio counties of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Portage, Summit and Trumbull (and the contiguous Pennsylvania counties of Crawford and Erie) received a federal SBA declaration for damages received from severe storms, straight line winds and flooding that occurred July 27 to August 4, 2006. Small businesses that were economically impacted are still eligible to apply for the Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

According to the SBA Field Operations Center, affected businesses have until May 1, 2007 to apply. Small businesses may apply for loans up to \$1.5 million if they suffered substantial economic injury from the disaster. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not happened. These loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.



Interest rate on these loans is four percent, with a maximum term of 30 years. The SBA determines the amount of economic injury and the terms of each loan and repayment, based on the financial circumstances of each borrower.

Loan applications may be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Applications can also be downloaded from the SBA Web site: www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Mail completed applications to:

U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155



The Ohio EMA Grants Division completed its work on the 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program application on April 3. The state of Ohio application and its three Urban Areas Security Initiatives (UASI) were uploaded to the Department of Homeland Security site, Tuesday, making the federal deadline of April 5, 2007. Ohio's three UASIs are: Cleveland/Cuyahoga, Cincinnati/Hamilton and Columbus/Franklin.

The 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is awarding more than \$1.6 billion to enhance the ability of states, territories and urban areas to prepare for, prevent and respond to terrorist attacks and other major disasters. HSGP funds can be used for preparedness planning, equipment acquisition, training, exercises, management and administration in order to obtain resources that are critical to building and sustaining capabilities that are aligned with the Interim National Preparedness Goal and respective State and Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies.

The HSGP includes five distinct programs:

- State Homeland Security Program - SHSP supports the implementation of State Homeland Security Strategies to address the identified planning, equipment, training and exercise needs for acts of terrorism. SHSP also supports the implementation of the National Preparedness Goal, NIMS and NRP.
- Urban Areas Security Initiative - UASI program funds address the unique planning, equipment, training and exercise needs of high threat, high density urban areas and assist them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism.
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program - LETPP focuses on the prevention of terrorist attacks and provides law enforcement and public safety communities with funds to support intelligence gathering and information sharing through enhancing/establishing fusion centers; interoperable communications; and collaboration with non-law enforcement partners, other government agencies and the private sector.
- Metropolitan Medical Response System - These funds support MMRS jurisdictions to further enhance and sustain an integrated, systematic mass casualty incident preparedness program that enables an effective response during the first crucial hours of an incident. The program prepares jurisdictions for response to the range of mass outbreaks, natural disasters and large-scale hazardous materials incidents.
- Citizen Corps Program - the CCP mission is to actively involve all citizens in hometown security through personal preparedness, training, exercises and volunteer service. CCP funds support Citizen Corps Council efforts to engage citizens in all-hazards prevention, protection, response and recovery.

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Ohio Department of Transportation
Auditorium
1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio

Topics of Discussion Include:

Incident Command by C.J. Couch,
Chief of Public Affairs, Ohio EMA

Public Records Law Update by the
Ohio Attorney General's Office

Times of Crisis: The West Virginia
Coal Mine Disaster by Tom Hunter,
Communications Director, ODPS



SAVE THE DATE

Ohio Citizen Corps Regional Conferences

(Conference times and locations to follow)

Agenda topics include: New Volunteer; Liability Coverage, Best Practices of Citizen Corps Councils; Medical Reserve Corps; Volunteers In Police Service; Community Emergency Response Team; and Regional Fire Corps

Monday, June 4 - Homeland Security Regions 2 and 5

(Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Holmes, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties)

Tuesday, June 19 - Homeland Security Regions 7 and 8

(Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Washington counties)

Thursday, June 21 - Homeland Security Regions 1 and 3

(Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Greene, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Paulding, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams and Wood counties)

Tuesday, June 26 - Homeland Security Regions 4 and 6

(Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, Highland, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Union and Wyandot counties)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<i>Passover Begins</i>				<i>Good Friday</i>	
 8 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9 URSB Meeting Ohio EMA	10 Basic Public Information Course ~ Ohio EMA		12 Sr. Advisory TAC ODOT	13	14
	ICS-400 Course ~ Cuyahoga County					
15	16	17 DBNPS Dry Run	18	19	20	21
Mitigation Progress Reports Due (1st Qtr)	Medical TAC Ohio EMA	Damage Assessment Ohio EMA	Debris Management (4/18 through 4/19, noon) Ohio EMA	Cost Documentation (afternoon of 4/19)		Fayette & Highland Counties - Tabletop Exercise
	HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA				
22	23	24	25	26	26	27
	Orientation to Emergency Management in Ohio POSTPONED					

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TAC - Technical Advisory Committee