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## SBA Declares Disaster for July 21, 22 Storms, Offering Low-Interest Loans

PITT\$BURGH – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has declared a disaster in Allegheny County for storm and flash flood damage sustained on July 21 and 22, 2019. This designation will make financial relief available to residents and business owners in the form of low-interest disaster loans.

"This is great news for the residents and business that were so severely impacted by the storms and flash floods in July, and we are grateful to Governor Wolf and the PA Emergency Management Agency for their work to make the SBA designation happen," said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. "This would not have happened without the collaboration between municipal officials, local emergency management coordinators and our county's Emergency Services staff. Now we can move to connecting all of those who were impacted to the resources that SBA has available to them."

Homeowners, renters and businesses impacted by the July 21 and 22 storms in Allegheny County or contiguous counties who suffered storm-related damages may be eligible for SBA relief. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial qualifications. Information on the program can be found at <a href="https://disasterloan.sba.gov">https://disasterloan.sba.gov</a>.

The SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) that will be staffed by customer service representatives to issue loan applications, answer questions about the disaster loan program, explain the application process, and help individuals complete their applications. The DLOC will be held at the Renton Volunteer Fire Department, 1996 Old Mine Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239 from Friday, August 9 through Tuesday, August 20, 2019 on the following schedule:

Date	Times
Friday, August 9	11 AM to 6 PM
Saturday, August 10	10 AM to 2 PM
Sunday, August 11	CLOSED
Monday, August 12	9 AM to 6 PM
Tuesday, August 13	9 AM to 6 PM
Wednesday, August 14	9 AM to 6 PM
Thursday, August 15	9 AM to 6 PM
Friday, August 16	9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday, August 17	10 AM to 2 PM
Sunday, August 18	CLOSED
Monday, August 19	9 AM to 6 PM
Tuesday, August 20	9 AM to 4 PM

Individuals and businesses unable to visit the center in person may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired) or by e-mailing <a href="mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.qov">disastercustomerservice@sba.qov</a>. Additional information for this specific declaration can be found online at <a href="https://disasterloan.sba.gov">https://disasterloan.sba.gov</a>.