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OHIO EMA ANNOUNCES SBA AND STATE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD-DAMAGED JACKSON, LAWRENCE AND CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES

COLUMBUS, OH – Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Nancy Dragani announced today that the Small Business Administration (SBA) has granted Governor John R. Kasich's request to issue a SBA-only disaster declaration for Jackson and Lawrence counties as a result of severe storms and flash flooding that occurred May 10-11, 2011.

The SBA disaster declaration includes the contiguous counties of Gallia, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton.

An SBA declaration enables residents and businesses in Jackson and Lawrence counties, as well as those in the contiguous counties who incurred uninsured losses resulting from the severe storms and flash floods that occurred May 10-11 to apply for long-term, low-interest loans.

The State Individual Assistance Grant Program (IA) will also be available to individuals impacted by the severe storms and flash flooding that occurred May 10-11 in Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton. The State IA grant program is intended for uninsured homeowners and renters with eligible real property damages, personal property damages and funeral expenses who do not qualify for SBA low interest loans.

The following locations are for the SBA/State IA disaster outreach centers:

Lawrence County Workforce Development Resource Center 120 N 3rd Street Ironton, Ohio 45638	Opening: Tuesday, June 7, 2011 Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Days: Tuesday, June 7 through Saturday, June 11 Closing: Saturday, June 11 at close of business
Jackson County Jackson Fire Department- Annex 166 Pearl Street Jackson, Ohio 45640	Opening: Monday, June 13, 2011 Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Days: Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16 Closing: Thursday, June 16 at close of business

Residents and businesses may also apply for an SBA loan by calling 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or by going online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> and clicking the button labeled "Disaster Assistance." The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is August 1, 2011. The deadline to return economic injury applications is March 2, 2012.

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