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Spokane Business Organizations Unite to Connect Residents and Businesses with Wildfire Recovery Assistance

SBA disaster loans are available for homeowners, renters, businesses and private nonprofits, with in-person application assistance available locally.

SPOKANE, WA — Six Spokane business organizations are joining forces to share an important message with those affected by this summer's devastating wildfires: Don't assume you don't qualify. Help is available, and local SBA representatives can walk you through your options.

The Spokane Business Association, Downtown Spokane Partnership, Greater Spokane Inc., Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, Spokane Independent Metro Business Alliance (SIMBA) and West Plains Chamber of Commerce are encouraging affected residents and businesses to explore disaster loans available through the U.S. Small Business Administration.

You do not need to own a business to qualify for SBA disaster assistance. Homeowners and renters may be eligible for loans to repair or replace disaster-damaged property. Businesses and eligible private nonprofits may also qualify for assistance, including working capital loans for eligible small businesses experiencing economic injury even without physical damage.

Available loans and application deadlines

- **Home Disaster Loans:** Help homeowners repair or replace disaster-damaged homes and help homeowners and renters replace personal property, including vehicles. Apply by December 21, 2026.
- **Business Physical Disaster Loans:** Help businesses of any size and eligible private nonprofits repair or replace damaged property, including buildings, equipment, inventory and supplies. Apply by December 21, 2026.
- **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL):** Help eligible small businesses and most private nonprofits meet ordinary and necessary financial obligations they cannot meet because of the disaster. Physical damage is not required. Apply by July 22, 2027.

Rates may be lower than you expect

For this disaster, fixed interest rates are as low as 2.875% for homeowners and renters, 4% for businesses and 3.625% for private nonprofits, with repayment terms of up to 30 years available to qualifying applicants.

All loans are subject to SBA approval. Eligibility, interest rates, loan amounts and repayment terms depend on the applicant's circumstances, including credit history, ability to repay and whether credit is available elsewhere, as determined by the SBA.

The organizations' message is simple: Ask questions before ruling yourself out. Let the SBA determine what assistance you may qualify for. Applying does not obligate anyone to accept a loan.

Get help locally
SBA representatives are available to answer questions and assist residents, business owners and private nonprofits with applications at:

NorthTown Mall Outreach Center — Regular Weekly Hours
NorthTown Mall, Unit 2058
Second floor near JCPenney
4750 N. Division St., Spokane, WA 99207
Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Pacific. No appointment necessary.

Mobile Assistance at Separate Locations — Select Dates Only
Separate from the NorthTown Mall center, the SBA's Mobile Recovery Vehicle visits the fire stations below only on the listed dates, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific. These are temporary stops, not daily walk-in centers.

Fire Station 92
3801 E. Farwell Road, Mead, WA 99021
Open only on these dates: November 17–20 and December 2–4.

Fire Station 93
9915 W. Charles Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026
Open only on these dates: November 23–25, November 30 and December 1.

Helping connect Spokane with federal resources is Katherine Morgan, Deputy Associate Administrator for SBA's Office of Field Operations. A Gonzaga University graduate and former President and CEO of the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, Morgan has worked to bring SBA leadership to Spokane to support the community's recovery.

The six organizations encourage everyone to share this information with employees, customers, friends and neighbors. Spokane's recovery is a community-wide effort, and helping people understand their options is an important step forward.

Apply online: https://lending.sba.gov
Learn more: https://www.sba.gov/disaster
Questions: 1-800-659-2955 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. For telecommunications relay services, dial 7-1-1.

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