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**Shapiro Administration Announces Low-interest Loans and Grants
Available to those Impacted by Flash Flooding in Blair and
Surrounding Counties**

Low-interest loans now available through the U.S. Small Business Administration for Pennsylvanians impacted by July 5-6 flooding in Blair County, and surrounding Bedford, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield and Huntingdon counties.

Shapiro Administration opens Commonwealth Disaster Grant Program to provide grants for home repairs, temporary housing, rental expenses, and more.

Harrisburg, PA – The **Shapiro Administration** announced today that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved **Gov. Josh Shapiro's** recent request to make financial assistance available to individuals and families affected by the **July 5-6, 2026**, flash flooding in **Blair County**, and the surrounding counties of **Bedford, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield** and **Huntingdon**.

Additionally, the **Shapiro Administration** has activated the [Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Assistance Program \(DRAP\)](#) through the **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)**, which provides grants to individuals and families affected by the **July 5-6, 2026**, flash flooding in the following municipalities of **Blair** and **Huntingdon** counties:

- Altoona City,
- Antis Township,
- Logan Township,
- Snyder Township,
- Tyrone Borough, and
- Warriors Mark Township.

"Recovering from a flash flood isn't something anyone should have to face alone. The July 5-6 flash flooding in Blair and Huntingdon Counties caused significant damage for many families and businesses, and we want those affected to know help is available," said **PEMA Director Randy Padfield**. "The Shapiro Administration worked with the federal government to quickly open up access to low-interest loans, and PEMA will activate the Commonwealth's disaster grant program to help these communities begin the recovery process and recoup unexpected losses."

"The introduction of Pennsylvania's Disaster Recovery Assistance Program is significant for Blair County," said **Blair County Emergency Management Agency Interim Director Cris Fredrickson**. "This new state program expands the assistance available to those impacted by the recent flooding. DRAP and SBA will strengthen our ability to help residents and businesses within the affected municipalities recover. We appreciate our state, federal, and volunteer partners for making resources available to our community. Recovery is a long process, but these programs represent an important investment in helping our communities rebuild stronger and more resilient after this disaster. We encourage everyone who may be eligible to apply."

"This has been a total team effort to recover from the flash flooding," said **Tyrone Mayor John Harlow**. "We have had great cooperation from Blair County Emergency Management, PEMA, and SBA as we work to help our neighbors. Seeing neighbors helping neighbors is part of what makes Tyrone special. The support we have received from Director Padfield, the Blair County Commissioners, Senator Fetterman and Congressman Joyce's staff, plus boots on the ground visits from Senator Judy Ward and Rep. Scott Barger shows our community the support we are getting from the State and Federal government."

The SBA's [Disaster Loan Program](#) provides low-interest loans for homeowners, renters, private non-profit organizations, and businesses who sustained physical damages from flooding. The SBA can provide up to **\$500,000** for homeowners to replace or repair their primary residences and up to **\$100,000** for homeowners and renters to replace or repair personal property. Businesses and most private non-profit organizations may apply for up to **\$2 million** to cover disaster losses not fully covered by insurance.

Additionally, small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations located in the declared disaster area that have suffered substantial economic injury may be eligible for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL).

The SBA offers long-term repayment options, with loan terms of up to 30 years to help keep payments affordable. Repayment terms are determined on a case-by-case basis based on each borrower's ability to repay. Additional information about the SBA disaster declaration and access to the online loan application for the **July 5-6, 2026**, flooding can be found [here](#).

Applicants may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at **1-800-659-2955** (people who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability should dial **7-1-1** for relay services), or by emailing DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov and referencing **Pennsylvania Disaster Number PA-20037**.

The deadline to return SBA disaster loan applications for physical damages is **Monday, Sep. 21, 2026**. The deadline to return SBA economic injury disaster loan (EIDL) applications is **Wednesday, April 21, 2027**.

The SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) in Tyrone Borough beginning **Thursday, July 23, 2026**, at **9:00 AM** to provide in-person assistance for those wishing to apply. Visiting the DLOC *is not required* to obtain assistance.

DLOC Location:

[Tyrone Borough Municipal Offices](#)

1100 Logan Ave.
Tyrone, PA 16686

DLOC Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Saturday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Sunday the DLOC is closed

The DLOC permanently closes **Thursday, August 13, 2026**, at **4:00 PM**.

Alternatively, paper loan applications can be downloaded [here](#). Completed paper applications can be dropped off in-person at the DLOC or mailed to:

U.S. Small Business Administration
Processing and Disbursement
14925 Kingsport Road
Fort Worth, TX 76155-2243

Commonwealth DRAP grants are intended for homeowners and renters who meet lower income thresholds, are uninsured or underinsured, and have not received other local, state, federal, non-governmental, or private aid. Eligible households may receive DRAP grants of up to **\$20,000** to repair their home, cover temporary housing and rental expenses, or replace essential personal property.

Those impacted by the **July 5-6, 2026**, flash floods are encouraged to visit the PEMA website at pa.gov/ready/drap to see if they qualify for DRAP grants. The DRAP application portal will open on **Thursday, July 23, 2026**. All DRAP applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026**.

Those affected by the flooding who have unmet, non-emergency needs can contact **PA211** by dialing 2-1-1, texting 898-211, or via online chat at pa211.org to be connected with local resources.

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