



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 19, 2023

Ms. Tanya Garfield
Director
Office of Disaster Assistance Field Operations Center – West
U.S. Small Business Administration
6501 Sylvan Road
Citrus Heights, California 95610

Dear Director Garfield:

Under provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declare an SBA disaster declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Disaster Loans for Hidalgo County as a result of the severe storms, thunderstorms, large hail, and straight-line winds that occurred on April 28, 2023.

As a result of the severe storms, thunderstorms, large hail, and straight-line winds, many homes and businesses were affected, creating an economic emergency for county residents. I request that the SBA declare Hidalgo County a disaster area to make long-term, low-interest rate physical damage loans for homes and businesses and economic injury disaster loans available to citizens and businesses affected by the disaster.

On May 16, 2023, a joint preliminary damage assessment was conducted by local officials the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and SBA to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 57 homes and 5 businesses in Hidalgo County sustained major damage and suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management, at (512) 424-2443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report_State of Texas
State/SBA Ground Survey

Event: Severe Storms, Thunderstorms, Large Hail, and Straight-Line Winds
 DCMS: TX-00653
 Incident Date: 04/28/2023

Date of Initial Survey Request: 05/11/2023
 Date of Survey: 05/16/2023

Overall Properties Affected

	COUNTY	MEETS SBA Criteria	TOTAL Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES				BUSINESSES /NON-PROFITS			
					MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$
		No	0	FINAL								
	Hidalgo County	Yes	39	FINAL	35	607,000	385	2,460,000	4	140,000	38	345,000
	Hidalgo County	No	23	FINAL	22	861,000	6	120,000	1	100,000	0	0
		No	0	FINAL								
	State Totals	Yes	62	FINAL	57	1,468,000	391	2,580,000	5	240,000	38	345,000
	COMMENTS:											