



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 24, 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 that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issue an SBA disaster declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Disaster Loans for Cameron County as a result of severe storms and a tornado that occurred on May 13, 2023.

As a result of severe storms and a tornado, many homes and businesses were affected, creating an economic emergency for county residents. I request that SBA declare Cameron 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 18, 2023, a joint preliminary damage assessment was conducted by local officials at the Texas Division of Emergency Management and SBA to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 52 homes and 9 businesses in Cameron 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

Enclosure: *SBA Survey Recap: Final Summary Report*

**SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report State of TX-00654  
State/SBA Ground Survey**

Event: Tornado  
DCMS: TX-00654  
Incident Date: 05/13/2023

Date of Initial Survey Request: 05/17/2023  
Date of Survey: 05/18/2023

**Overall Properties Affected**

	COUNTY	MEETS SBA Criteria	TOTAL Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES				BUSINESSES /NON-PROFITS			
					MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$
	Cameron County	Yes	40	FINAL	34	1,373,000	15	350,000	6	166,000	1	20,000
	Cameron County	No	21	FINAL	18	431,000	25	180,000	3	315,000	1	2,000
	State Totals	Yes	61	FINAL	52	1,804,000	40	530,000	9	481,000	2	22,000
	COMMENTS:											