



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 30, 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 Potter County as a result of the severe storms and flooding that began on May 27, 2023 and continued until June 14, 2023.

As a result of the severe storms and flooding, many homes and businesses were affected, creating an economic emergency for county residents. I request that the SBA declare Potter 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 June 28, 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 99 homes and 6 businesses in Potter 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

Joint State of Texas/SBA (Agency Only) Ground Survey

Event: Severe Storms and Flooding

DCMS: TX-00659

Incident Date: May 27 through June 14, 2023

Date of Initial Survey Request: 06/21/2023

Date of Survey: 06/28/2023

Overall Properties Affected

COUNTY	MEETS SBA Criteria	TOTAL Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES				BUSINESSES /NON-PROFITS			
				MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$
	No	0	FINAL								
Potter County	Yes	92	FINAL	91	1,302,000	0	0	1	1,126,000	0	0
Potter County	No	13	FINAL	8	128,000	0	0	5	3,798,000	3	20,000
	No	0	FINAL								
State Totals	Yes	105	FINAL	99	1,430,000	0	0	6	4,924,000	3	20,000

COMMENTS: