



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 16, 2025

Mr. Eric Shaw
Director (Acting)
Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience
Field Operations Center – West
U.S. Small Business Administration
6501 Sylvan Road
Citrus Heights, California 95610

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Under provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) implement a Small Business Administrative declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Disaster Loans for Tarrant County as a result of the Cooper Apartment Complex Fire that occurred on June 23, 2025.

On June 23, the Fort Worth Fire Department responded to a six-alarm fire at the Cooper Modern Apartments. The severity of the incident required a large-scale response by over 160 firefighters and 60 response units, resulting in the displacement of more than 800 residents. The incident required a coordinated effort among local agencies and community partners to address immediate response needs and begin recovery efforts.

On July 1st, a damage assessment was conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and Tarrant County to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 304 homes and one business in Tarrant County sustained major damages and suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact the Governor's Authorized Representative, Chief Nim Kidd at (512) 424-2443.

Sincerely,

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

Greg Abbott
Governor

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