



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 17, 2023

Ms. Tanya Garfield  
Director  
Office of Disaster Assistance Field operations Center – West  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
6501 Sylvan Road  
Citrus Heights, California 95610-5017

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 Ochiltree County as a result of the tornado that occurred on June 15, 2023.

As a result of the tornado, many homes and businesses were affected, creating an economic emergency for county residents. I request that the SBA declare Ochiltree 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.

Beginning June 29, 2023, joint preliminary damage assessments were conducted by local officials, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), FEMA, and SBA to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 230 homes and 83 businesses in Ochiltree 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, Chief, 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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Enclosure: SBA Survey Recap: Final Summary Report

**SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report\_State of Texas  
Joint FEMA/State of Texas/SBA Ground PDA**

Event: Tornado  
DCMS: TX-00660  
Incident Date: 06/15/2023

Date of Initial PDA Request: 06/22/2023  
Dates of PDA: 06/29 through 06/30/2023

**Overall Properties Affected**

| COUNTY              | MEETS SBA<br>Criteria | TOTAL<br>Majors | SURVEY<br>Status | HOMES      |                  |           |                | BUSINESSES /NON-PROFITS |                  |          |                |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------|----------------|
|                     |                       |                 |                  | MAJ        | \$\$             | MIN       | \$\$           | MAJ                     | \$\$             | MIN      | \$\$           |
|                     | No                    | 0               | FINAL            |            |                  |           |                |                         |                  |          |                |
| Ochiltree County    | Yes                   | 166             | FINAL            | 121        | 3,615,000        | 22        | 175,000        | 45                      | 1,028,000        | 1        | 100,000        |
| Ochiltree County    | Yes                   | 147             | FINAL            | 109        | 3,625,000        | 27        | 270,000        | 38                      | 3,460,000        | 6        | 360,000        |
|                     | No                    | 0               | FINAL            |            |                  |           |                |                         |                  |          |                |
| <b>State Totals</b> | <b>Yes</b>            | <b>313</b>      | <b>FINAL</b>     | <b>230</b> | <b>7,240,000</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>445,000</b> | <b>83</b>               | <b>4,488,000</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>460,000</b> |

COMMENTS: