



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

September 9, 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 Harris County as a result of the Spring Branch Apartment Complex Fire that occurred August 19 through August 20, 2025.

On August 19, the Houston Fire Department responded to a three-alarm fire at the Spring Branch Apartments. The severity of the incident required a large-scale response by over 100 firefighters, resulting in the displacement of more than 300 residents. The incident required a coordinated effort among local agencies and community partners to address immediate response needs and begin recovery efforts.

On September 3 through September 6, 2025, a damage assessment was conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and Harris County to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 90 homes in Harris County sustained major damage 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,


Greg Abbott
Governor