

## GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

January 14, 2025

Mr. Jeffrey D. Lusk Director Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience Field Operations Center - West U.S. Small Business Administration 6501 Sylvan Road Citrus Heights, CA 95610Address

Dear Mr. Lusk:

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 Brazoria and Montgomery counties as a result of the Severe Weather incident (24-0029 26DEC) beginning on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and culminating with tornadic activity on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

As a direct result of the 24-0029 26DEC Severe Weather incident, Texas reported nearly 400 damaged homes and businesses using the Texas Division of Emergency Management's Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT). These efforts were made possible through close coordination between TDEM, our local partners, and stakeholders.

On January 7th, 2025, a damage assessment was conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), local officials, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least twenty-five (25) homes and three (3) businesses in Brazoria and Montgomery counties sustained major damage and suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact the Governor's Authorized Representative, Chief Nim Kidd (512) 424-2436.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott Governor

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## SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report\_State of Texas State of Texas/SBA (Agency Only) Ground Survey

Event: Severe Storm, Tornadoes, and Straight-line Winds ULP: TX-20043 Incident Date: 12/28/2024

Date of SBA Survey Request: 12/31/2024 Date of SBA Survey: 01/07/2025

## **Overall Properties Affected**

COUNTY	SURVEY	SURVEY End Date	MEETS SBA Criteria	Tribal	Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES				BUSINESS/NON-PROFITS			
	Start Date						MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$
Brazoria	01/07/2025	01/07/2025	Yes	No	26	Final	23	576,000	53	552,000	3	50,000	2	45,000
Montgomery	01/07/2025	01/07/2025	Yes	No	45	Final	45	919,000	45	975,000	0	0	3	1,350,000
Montgomery	01/07/2025	01/07/2025	Yes	No	15	Final	15	487,000	40	900,000	0	0	0	0
State Totals			Yes	No	86	Final	83	1,982,000	138	2,427,000	3	50,000	5	1,395,000
COMMENTS:														