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**Emergency Management Division:
Online Loan Application Available for Flood Claims**

GRAND RAPIDS – Kent County Emergency Management recommends residents and businesses affected by severe storms and flooding April 7-20, 2013 apply for low-interest disaster loans online from the U.S. Small Business Administration, and utilize the Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) in Grand Rapids ONLY if they need one-on-one assistance. Applicants are encouraged to apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The DLOC will open tomorrow, June 18, 2013, to help those with damage claims from flooding earlier this year. "We anticipate many residents are going to be seeking answers, but the online application form is the easiest way for most people and business owners to apply for loans," said Jack Stewart, Emergency Management Coordinator for Kent County. "To avoid what could be long wait times, we recommend using the online application first, and consider utilizing the center as your second option."

The Center will be open June 18 through June 27:
Kent County Sheriff's Department
Disaster Loan Outreach Center
701 Ball NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Hours: Tuesday, June 18 through Thursday, June 27
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, June 22: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, June 23: Closed

Individuals and businesses unable to visit the center may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or by emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded at www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be returned to the center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is August 12, 2013.
The deadline to return economic injury applications is March 12, 2014.

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