

The Connecticut General Assembly



For IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 19, 2018

Contact: Danielle Faipler
Phone: (860)240-8790

CHESHIRE AWARDED DISASTER ASSISTANCE *Homeowners, Business Owners Affected by May Tornadoes to Apply for Financial Assistance*

CHESHIRE— **State Representative Liz Linehan (D- Cheshire)** is pleased to announce residents living in Cheshire affected by severe storms and tornadoes on May 15 will receive loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Homeowners will be able to apply for loans up to \$200,000 to assist with the costs associated with repairing or replacing damaged or destroyed real estate property. Homeowners and renters will also be able to apply for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

“I am thankful the SBA has responded to the needs of Cheshire’s residents and business owners and made this funding available,” said **Rep. Linehan**, “Severe weather events can cause such extreme destruction and homeowners are left with the responsibility of replacing it. I hope those who were affected take advantage of this funding.”

The SBA has also made available Economic Injury Disaster Loans for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, as well as small businesses in aquaculture to address storm-related capital needs. This is available to businesses that did not sustain damage to physical properties.

Residents and small businesses throughout New Haven, Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield and Middlesex Counties who were impacted by the May storms can also apply for financial assistance.

The deadline to submit physical property damage applications is Dec. 10, 2018, and the deadline for economic injury applications is July 9, 2019.

Applications can be submitted through the SBA web site, disasterloan.sba.gov, or individuals can download the application available at www.sba.gov and mail it to the SBA at U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

A customer service center can also be reached by calling 1-800-659-2955 or 1-800-877-8339 for those who are deaf or are hard of hearing. Emails can also be sent to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Residents in need of navigating the application process are encouraged to email **Rep. Linehan** at liz.linehan@cga.ct.gov.

###