



Small Business Finance Center

CALIFORNIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

Small Business Loan Guarantee Program

Giving lenders the confidence they need to loan to small businesses that struggle to access capital

Although IBank does not issue loans or grants directly to small businesses, IBank supports small businesses by working with nonprofits (called Financial Development Corporations) and lenders to offer “small business loan guarantees.”

IBank’s loan guarantees can pay lenders up to 80% of a small business’s outstanding loan in the event that small business is unable to pay. By guaranteeing loans, IBank gives lenders the confidence they need to issue loans to small businesses that otherwise struggle to access capital.

IBank works with lenders and nonprofit Financial Development Corporations to encourage lenders to use IBank’s small business loan guarantees, giving them confidence to loan to small businesses that struggle to access capital.

For Small Businesses

Small businesses can view a list of participating lenders on IBank’s website. Visit www.ibank.ca.gov and on the homepage click on the photo at the top for “Small Business Loan Guarantee Program.” Small businesses can contact the Financial Development Corporations serving their area or reach out to one of the lenders serving their area.



For Lenders

Lenders can enroll to use IBank’s Small Business Loan Guarantee Program through an easy one-page certification. To get started, email SBFC-Programs@ibank.ca.gov.

What Small Businesses are eligible?

- Those with 1-750 employees.
- The business must be in one of the industries listed in the North American Industry Classification System codes list.

Eligible use of funds

- Start-up costs
- Working capital
- Construction
- Business expansion
- Inventory
- Lines of credit
- Agriculture
- Export financing
- Disaster relief

Loan Guarantee terms

- Maximum guarantee amount: \$5 million
- Guarantee term: Up to 7 years
- Guarantees up to 80% of the loan
- Interest rate and qualifications determined by each lender

For more information

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