U.S. Small Business Administration Programs and Services



U.S. Small Business Administration

Established in 1953

Independent federal government agency

District and branch offices nationwide

Website: www.sba.gov



Major Assistance Areas

"3Cs and a D":

- Capital
- Counseling/Training
- Contracting Assistance
- Disaster Assistance



- NO DIRECT LOANS or GRANTS for general business start up and expansion!!!
- SBA's role—Guarantees private commercial loans
- Benefits of SBA loan guaranty:
 - Decreased lender risk/increase chances for approval
 - Fully amortized loan (no balloon payments)
 - Lower monthly payments with longer repayment term
 - Lower equity injection requirement



7(a) Loan Program--General Purpose Business Loan Program

- Use of Proceeds
 - Working capital
 - Machinery and equipment
 - Inventory
 - Building and land
 - Refinancing of business debt*
 - Change of ownership or business purchase*



^{*}Under certain conditions

7(a) Loan Program—Continued

- Guarantee Percentages—
 - Basic 7(a) program
 - 85% for loans up to \$150K
 - 75% for loans over \$150K
 - Maximum loan—\$5 million
 - Maximum guarantee amount—\$3.75 million

Variations

- SBA Express
- Small Loan Program
- CAPLines
- Community Advantage
- International Trade, Export Working Capital



504 Loan Program-Fixed Asset Financing

- Long-term: 10- or 20- year terms
- Economic Development-Oriented
 - Job Creation/Retention
 - Community Development Objectives/Public Policy Goals



504 Loan Program—Continued

- Maximum loan amount (SBA portion)
 - Maximum loan \$5 million
 - \$5.5 million for small manufacturer

 Interest rate—fixed rate—based on U.S. Treasury issue rate for 5 or 10 years



Typical 504 Loan Deal

Commercial Lender

- Senior loan
- 50% of project
- Variable or fixed rate

Certified Development Company

- Junior Loan
- 40 % of project
- Fixed rate-based on U.S. Treasury rate
- 100% SBA guaranty

Borrower

- 10% of project
- New business--+5%
- Single use facility--+5%



Loan Program Prohibitions

- Speculative deals
- Investment/passive income projects
- Non-owner occupied real estate
- Re-lending
- Multi-level/affiliate marketing plans
- Non-profit organizations (for-profit subsidiaries okay)
- Partial business acquisition



Microloan Program

- Loans up to \$50,000
- Delivered by SBA-approved nonprofit microlending organizations
- Provides pre- and post-loan technical assistance
- Real estate, debt refinancing-not eligible



LINC

- Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital
- "Lending Tree" for small business lending
- Over 300 SBA lenders participating nationwide
 - Commercial Lenders
 - Certified Development Companies
 - Microlenders
 - Community Advantage Lenders



Surety Bond Guarantee Program

- Bid, performance, and payment bonds
- 70%-90% of bond
- Contracts up to \$6.5 million
- Federal contracts: up to \$10 million in certain instances).



Counseling & Training Resources

Small Business Development Centers

Women Business Centers

SCORE

Veterans Business Opportunity Centers

Emerging Leaders Program



Counseling & Training Resources

- SBA Website
 - www.sba.gov
 - online small business training

- SBA/Reni Publishing Small Business Resource Guide
 - www.sbaguides.com/magazine



Government Contracting

- Federal Contracting Certifications
 - 8(a) Business Development Program

Historical Underutilized Business Zone (HUB Zone)
 Certification

Women Owned Small Business Certification



Disaster Assistance

Availability-declared disaster areas

POTUS

SBA Administrator

Secretary of Agriculture



Disaster Assistance Business Physical Disaster Loans

- For qualified small businesses and most nonprofit organizations
- Losses not covered by insurance
- Up to \$2 million, 30-year term
- Proceeds may be used for the repair or replacement:
 - Real property
 - Machinery
 - Equipment
 - Fixtures
 - Inventory
 - Leasehold improvements
 - Interest rate: 4% or 8%



Disaster Assistance Economic Injury Loans

- Assist with ordinary and necessary operating expenses
- Eligible entities:
 - Small businesses
 - Small agricultural cooperatives
 - Most private nonprofit organizations
- Loans up to \$2 million
- Interest rate-4%



Disaster Assistance Personal Physical Damage Loans

- Total damage estimate insurance proceeds=eligible loan amount
- Homeowners: up to \$200,000 to replace or repair their primary residence
- Renters and homeowners: up to \$40,000 to replace or repair personal property
- Loans more than \$14,000: secured with collateral to as possible
- Interest rate: 4% or 8%



Disaster Assistance Military Reservist Economic Injury Loans

- Assist eligible small business negatively impacted by essential employee being called up to active duty
- Proceeds help eligible small businesses meet ordinary and necessary operating expenses

Up to \$2 million, 30-year term

Interest rate: 4%



Other SBA Programs and Services

 Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)

National Ombudsman for Regulatory Fairness



Questions?

