

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SBA)

The Mississippi Small Business Assistance Program was established for the purpose of providing funds to qualified entities to establish revolving loan funds to assist small businesses.

Eligibility

Qualified entities are defined as Mississippi Planning and Development Districts (PDDs), Small Business Investment Corporations, Community Development Corporations, and other similar entities.

A small business is defined as any for-profit commercial enterprise with fewer than 100 full-time employees, less than \$2 Million in net worth or less than \$350,000 in net annual profit after taxes during two of the last three years.

Eligible Businesses

- Manufacturers
- Processors
- Distributors
- Wholesalers
- Retailers
- Service Providers

TERMS:	15 years - Land/Building 10 years - Machinery/Equipment 5 years - Working Capital 3 years - Purchase of Inventory Collateral negotiable
AMOUNT:	Maximum loan amount: 50% of project or \$100,000, whichever is less.
FEES:	MDA requires a 1% servicing fee on State's portion of loan.
RATE:	Interest rate: 5% minimum per annum or more than 4% above Federal Reserve discount rate plus service fees.
FUNDING:	Funding is funnelled through MDA as a revolving loan to PDDs.

To apply for this program, small businesses should contact your local PDD, Small Business Investment Corporations, Community Development Corporations, or other similar entities for additional information on Small Business Assistance Loan Programs.

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