



SBA Loan Programs Offer Businesses Financial Support

Staying successful in today's business world can be difficult; it takes strategy and skilled money management. During these times financial support can be extremely beneficial to a business owner. If you are a business owner looking to finance a business, acquire a new business, need working capital, want to purchase commercial real estate or have equipment needs, we hope this information is helpful for you.

The United States Government offers loan programs through the Small Business Administration (SBA). SBA loans are more flexible than conventional loans. The program offers flexible qualifications, longer prepayment periods, lower interest rates and may have no prepayment penalties.

Most "For Profit" businesses are eligible for a SBA guaranteed loan. This includes manufacturers, wholesale, retail and service businesses as well as independent franchises. It is important to have an idea which type of SBA loan program will work best for your business.

For companies looking for a simple business loan; the Basic SBA 7(a) Loan is the most flexible. This program works best for qualified businesses that are unable to attain financing through normal lending paths. It allows proceeds from the loan to be used for business acquisitions, working capital, equipment and machinery buying/leasing, purchase of property, construction or reconstruction of a building, and debt refinancing. The loan maturity ranges from 10 to 25 years, depending on how proceeds of the loan are used.

The 504 Program is a long-term, fixed-rate loan that allows a business to acquire real estate or equipment that will be used for expansion or modernization of the company. This loan has some fine print regarding securing the loan. Usually a company must contribute 10 percent equity.



If you and your company are looking at lending options, we suggest you research the SBA lending programs. You can find out more information by contacting your lending institution or Surf City Bank.

Surf City bank has been approved by the SBA to act as a Preferred Lender under the bureau's Preferred Lender Program (PLP). Because, Surf City Bank has PLP status this allows them to give customers faster turn around on loan applications and allows Surf City Bank to approve SBA guaranteed loans with only minimal review by the agency which enables them to process loans. Surf City bank can help secure a business loan with less hassle, no hidden cost and in less time. **HB**

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