Department of Development

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Ohio Micro Loan Program

The Ohio Micro-Loan Program is designed to stimulate the growth of existing businesses in the state of Ohio at a 0% interest rate. It is part of the Minority Business Development Division's effort to promote economic development, business expansion, and job creation and/or retention by providing an alternative source of financing to minority- and woman-owned small businesses that otherwise do not have ready access to traditional lending sources.



Eligibility

State level certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or state level certified Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE).

Minimum Credit Score Requirement

N/A- no personal or business credit check.

Lender

Minority Business Development Division (MBDD)

Eligible Use of Funds

Working capital, machinery and equipment purchases, leasehold improvements, inventory.

Term

5 years for permanent working capital, up to 7 years for equipment.

Loan Amount: Maximum

$45,000

Loan Amount: Minimum

$10,000

Interest Rate

0%

Security

Lien on all business assets, and personal guarantee of each 20% or more from owner.

Final Approval Time After Fully Complete Application

90-120 days

Fees

$0

Prohibitions

Loan proceeds may not be used for: repaying delinquent state or federal taxes, financing residential property, financing investment property, financing a change of ownership, reimbursing funds owed to an owner, partner or shareholder, refinancing credit cards not in the business name, and financing a non-business purpose.

Additional Information

Borrowers cannot have filed business or personal bankruptcy with the last three years. Borrowers must demonstrate a historical and projected debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.2:1.