

The State Small Business Credit Initiative Program was created by the 2010 Small Business Jobs Act to support small-business lending and encourage financial institutions to be more assertive in their lending activities.

Maximum Enhancement Amounts

Collateral Support Program

Up to 50% limited to \$500,000 per borrower

Credit Guarantee Program

Up to 50% of loan or project cost

Payment, Performance, Surety Bond Program

Up to 30%

Who's Eligible?

- Corporations
- Partnerships
- Sole Proprietorships
- Non-Profits*
- Cooperatives*

Business uses of the loan includes, but is not limited to:

- Start-up costs
- Working Capital
- Business procurement*
- Franchise Fees*
- Equipment
- Inventory
- Construction*
- Renovation, and Tenants' improvements to the business site.

 \bigstar Restrictions apply to refinancing and other issues, refer to SSBCI guidelines for details.

SSBCI Loan Guarantee Program

How the program works:

SSBCI

State Small Business Credit Initiative

- 1. Potential Lender enters into an Agreement with the implementing agency.
- 2. The Agreement incorporates the entire program. Approved Lender originates, processes, and services the Loan.
- After preliminary loan approval, and after the Lender has submitted all necessary documentation,
- 4. Final Approval is granted. The Approval Document is mailed to the Lender (for file documentation).
- 5. Loan Defaults-States will share in losses (if any) according to State-specific guidelines.



REQUIREMENTS

Loan terms are based on participating bank's terms and conditions.

Business may NOT use funds to:

- Reimburse funds owed to any owners
- Reimburse equity funds to any owner
- Obtain passive real estate credits
- Repay a delinquent federal, state or local income tax

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- Sex offender certification must accompany each loan request indicating that no principals have been convicted of a sex offense against a minor.
- Lender must have 20% capital at risk
- No refinancing is allowed with the existing lender
- Lender's client must be current in his obligation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue.

To learn about funding and assistance for small-businesses, please contact the Economic Development Bank.

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