The State of Rural Small Business: “Tools of the Trade
When Do I Think - *SBA*?

*Think SBA When:*

- Collateral is insufficient
- Business is a Start Up
- New Ownership/Business Acquisition
- Business Expansion
- Projections based cash flow
- Credit profile does not support the request
- Or for some other reason you feel you need to mitigate risk
Eligibility Requirements

- Be operated for profit
- U.S. citizens or owners with verified “green card” status
- Not exceed SBA size standards
- Owners must be of “good character”
- Owners must possess management ability and have experience in field.
- Demonstrate repayment ability
- Not engaged in lending, real-estate development, investments or speculation
Eligible Use of Proceeds

SBA loans may be used to:

- Purchase machinery, equipment, fixtures, buildings and land for business;
- Finance receivables and augment working capital;
- Refinance existing debt - including credit card debt (with compelling reason);
- Finance seasonal lines of credit; and/or
- Expand, renovate facilities;
- Construct commercial buildings.
- Change of ownership/purchase of a business
- Most legitimate business purposes
The 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program

**Traditional 7(a)**
- Maximum Loan Amount of $5 million
- 85% guarantee on loans of $150,000 or less; 75% guarantee on loans >$150,000
- Guarantee Fees based on guaranteed portion of the loan
  - $0 up to $150,000 loan (FY2014); 3% loans of $150K - $700K; 3.5% up to $1M; 3.75% over $1M
  - NO FEES FOR LOANS UNDER $150K thru 9/30/15
- Submit via SendThisFile using the new 10-Tab Submission Template found at: [http://www.sba.gov/content/7a-submission-instructions-and-checklist](http://www.sba.gov/content/7a-submission-instructions-and-checklist)

**SBA Express Program**
- Maximum Loan $350,000
- 50% Guaranty (LOC or Term)
- Lender Documents can be used
- Rates higher than traditional 7a loan rates can be charged
- Submit via E-Tran & retain all documents in the file

**SBA Veteran’s Advantage Program**
- SBA Express loans – no fees to the Borrower
- All other 7(a) loans of more than $150,000 fees reduced by 50%
- Borrower must be a Veterans, Service Disabled Veterans, Active-Duty Military eligible for TAP, Reservists and National Guard members, current spouses of any of those groups & widowed spouses of a service member or veteran who died during service or of a service connected disability are eligible
Small 7a Loan Program
fka Small Loan Advantage

• Must meet minimum score (currently 140) through ETRAN
• Maximum Loan Amount: $350,000
• Term loans only
• Abbreviated underwriting requirements
• Collateral: Follow bank’s policies & procedures with at least a lien on items being purchased with loan proceeds & business assets
• 85% for loans of $150K or less/75% >$150K
• 1919 & 1920 – SBA paperwork
• Lender loan documents OR SBA documents may be used
• Closing & disbursement procedures should mirror same size, non-SBA Guaranteed loans
• Pre-screened & Submitted via E-TRAN
• Send This File or ETRAN document upload submission of SBA Forms & Credit Analysis for approval on non-PLP loans
SBA and Credit Scoring

• SBA Credit Scoring is required on all 7(a) loans (non-Express) under $350K as of July 1, 2014
• The model has been in use internally since 2006
• Predicts risk more accurately than complex underwriting
• Similar to liquid credit from FICO/Dun & Bradstreet
• Takes information from Business Credit Bureau
  • Commercial loan, lease, and card data
  • Number of trades and utilization
  • Sales Figures
  • Number of years in business
  • Number of Employees
  • Ratio information as compared to industry averages
• Uses personal credit scores of Guarantors & Principals
Small Business Credit Scores Accurately Predict Purchase

- FICO/D&B’s LiquidCredit scores use commercial and consumer data to predict purchase risk.
- FICO/D&B developed the suite using loan, lease, and card data from lenders nationwide.
- Small business credit scores are compensatory.
  - Criteria do not have hard-cutoffs, and scores do not always use all criteria or data sources.

This Score Suite is an Industry-Standard Decision Making Tool

- Nationwide, banks use the suite to evaluate borrower risk.
- Under 7(a) Small Loans, SBA will approve loans using this methodology scoring 140 and above. Loans that do not meet the score minimum may be submitted to LGPC for full large loan underwriting.
- The impact of increased scoring reduces turn time by LGPC on routine approvals, leaving more resources for larger more complex loan transactions.

Source: Dun & Bradstreet, Fair Isaac Corp.
# Capline Program Summary

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<td><strong>Unique Eligibility Requirements</strong></td>
<td>Must sell on credit and create accounts receivable, not notes receivable</td>
<td>Contract must permit lender to obtain an assignment of proceeds. Some exceptions may apply (see ch. 7 of this subpart).</td>
<td>30-day zero balance each year is required.</td>
<td>Borrower must have previous building experience of the same type. Speculative building but with documentation to support likelihood of sale.</td>
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<td><strong>Type of Loan</strong></td>
<td>Revolving Line of Credit to finance short-term WC needs of the Borrower</td>
<td>Finances all costs associated with specific contract(s), but not profit. May be revolving.</td>
<td>Finances seasonal WC needs. May be revolving.</td>
<td>Finances direct costs associated with building a commercial or residential structure for sale.</td>
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<td><strong>Loan Decision</strong></td>
<td>Non-delegated: SBA approves the loan for both credit and eligibility. PLP: Lender is delegated credit decision and completes a checklist for eligibility which it retains for possible review by SBA at a later date.</td>
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504 Loan Program

Program Details

- Maximum Loan Amount: increases from $2 million to **$5 million**
- 1.5% origination fees
- Maximum guaranty: 100% SBA’s portion
- Uses: Long-Term; Fixed Assets
- Maturity: Generally 10 - 20 years
- Maximum Interest: Fixed rate established when debenture backing sold

15% for special-use property (hotel, gas station, etc.)
15% for start-up business
20% if both special-use & start-up
# Eligible and Ineligible Proceeds

## Eligible Uses of 504 Loan Proceeds

- Land
- Land improvements
- Purchase building
- Building improvements
- Construction of new building
- Purchase equipment
- Some related professional fees
- Interim financing costs
- Contingencies

## Ineligible Use of 504 Loan Proceeds

- Organizational costs
- Counseling
- Finders fees; brokers fees
- Origination fee on 1st mortgage loan
- Rolling stock
- Equipment with less than 10 years useful life
- Franchise fees
- Moving costs

## Other Proceed Requirements

- Acquisition or new construction or improvement of owner-occupied real estate
- 51% occupancy for existing building
- 60% occupancy for new construction
- Machinery & Equipment
- i.e., fixed assets with a useful life of 10 or more years
Connecticut CDC’s

Community Investment Corporation
Housatonic Industrial Development Corporation
New England Certified Development Corporation
Greater New York Development Company
Ocean State Business Development Authority
**Microloans**

**General Details**
- Maximum loan amount: increases from $35,000 to **$50,000**
- No Loan Fees Applied
- Maturity: shortest term possible (6 years or less)
- Maximum Interest Rate: Negotiable with intermediary

**Uses**
- Purchase machinery, equipment, fixtures, working capital, leasehold improvements, increased receivables
SBA Intermediaries
A/K/A Micro Lenders

HEDCO – Hartford
15 Lewis Street Hartford, CT 06103
• http://www.hedco-ghbdc.com

CEDF – Meriden
965 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450
• http://www.cedf.com

CIC – Hamden
2315 Whitney Ave, Suite 2B Hamden, CT 06518
• http://www.ctcic.org
What’s in store for the future?
Turbo Tax™-like Ease

Borrower’s answers drive process
Intelligent Dynamic Data Capture

Automated form-building reduces time, cost, errors
Resources

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Thank You for Your Time

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