



Fond du Lac County Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Fond du Lac County Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), which is administered by FCEDC, is intended to meet the overall goal of supporting the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises by providing access to capital. The RMAP Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program includes interest rates and loan maturities designed to encourage business development, while providing for recapitalization and growth of the program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The RMAP RLF serves Fond du Lac County as well as the portion of Waupun located in Dodge County. The applicant must be an individual, private organization or other legal entity with not more than 10 full-time-equivalent employees. The applicant must be unable to finance the proposed project from its own resources, through commercial credit or other federal, state or local programs at reasonable rates and terms.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Loan funds may be used for the acquisition of equipment, furniture, fixtures, supplies, inventory, working capital, debt refinancing, business acquisition, and purchase or lease of real estate that is already improved for the use in the business only.

FINANCING GUIDELINES

The FCEDC Revolving Loan Committee, using the following financing guidelines, will evaluate each loan application for the following:

- **MATCH REQUIREMENT:** No loan shall exceed 75% of the project cost. The minimum match of 25% must be non-federal funds.
- **LOAN AMOUNT:** The amount of funds for any single business shall range from a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$50,000.
- **LOAN TERMS:** Loan terms are a maximum of seven years for working capital and 10 years for machinery and equipment. Real estate loans shall have a maximum term of 10 years which can be amortized on a 20-year basis. A balloon payment or refinancing of the loan will be necessary beyond year 10. The FCEDC retains the right to adjust individual loan terms in order to facilitate a successful project.
- **INTEREST RATE:** The interest rate will be set by the RLF Committee, but will not exceed 12%.
- **DEFERRALS:** Deferral of principal payments may be provided for an appropriate period of time, if merited in the loan application. Interest will accrue during this deferral period.
- **COLLATERAL:** FCEDC shall have a first lien.

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