CPCFA Loan Participation Program

ELIGIBILITY GUIDE

Business Eligibility *at a Glance*

A quick reference to who and what the CPCFA LPP can fund through California SSBCI.

Examples of Eligible Uses

- **Start-up costs** for launching a new business
- **Working capital** for day-to-day operations
- **Equipment, inventory, supplies** to produce or deliver your goods & services
- **Franchise fees**
- **Owner-occupied real estate** — purchase, construction, renovation, or tenant improvements of a place you occupy & operate
- **Tangible & intangible assets** (excluding goodwill)

Eligible Business Entities

- Sole proprietorships
- Partnerships
- Limited liability companies (LLCs)
- C-corporations & S-corporations
- Cooperatives
- Independent contractors / self-employed
- Nonprofits, where the program permits

Examples of Ineligible Uses

- **Passive real estate investment** — holding property mainly for sale, lease, or investment, including property you won't occupy and operate.
- **Purchasing securities** or other passive investments
- **Lobbying activities**
- **Goodwill**
- **Delinquent income taxes** (unless on an approved payment plan)
- **Owner payouts** — funds owed to, or equity bought from, an owner

Generally, for small businesses with **500 or fewer employees**, located and operating in California, and meeting applicable small business size standards. Eligible applicants complete a short SSBCI self-certification confirming how funds will be used, business type, and owner background.

Ineligible business types: Certain businesses cannot participate, including pyramid sales / multi-level marketing, businesses earning more than one-third of revenue from legal gambling, adult entertainment, cannabis, and any business that is illegal under federal, state, or local law.

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