



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

(SSBCI) ADVANTAGE ILLINOIS PARTICIPATION LOAN PROGRAM (PLP)

- Program was Federally funded in 2022 as part of the Small Business Credit Initiative - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Illinois received approximately \$105,000,000 for the Advantage IL PLP program.
- The State participates with approved lenders, to provide a portion of financing to various small businesses, with the department's share being subordinated to the lender and at lower interest rates. The Advantage IL Loan Participation fills in gaps that prevent businesses from obtaining financing such as low credit scores, equity and collateral shortfalls, lack of historical cash flow (i.e. start-up), and negative net worth.
- Eligible applicants must have less than 750 employees; operate in the State of Illinois; be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State; clear of any back taxes; and have no bankruptcies, judgements, or liens in the past 5 years. NOT ELIGIBLE: investment real estate, goodwill related to change in ownership, and some restrictions on industries.
- Eligible loans can be used to finance the following: equipment, working capital, inventory, Accounts Receivable, leasehold improvements, and real estate (must be 51% or more occupied by the business). Refinancing allowed under certain requirements.
- Documentation and application processes are short and simple for both traditional and SEDI programs. (**SEDI: Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual(s)**. A SEDI Business must certify they have had diminished credit due to a broad category of factors. SEDI Factors are listed on the accompanying document.)

Advantage Illinois:

- *Maximum participation is the lesser of 25% of the project, 50% of the loan, or \$2 million*
- *Maximum term is 7 years*
- *Rate fixed at 2% below lender rate*
- *Each \$50,000 participated, one full time job should be created or retained in the next two years*

SEDI:

- *Maximum participation is the lesser of 50% of the project, 50% of the loan, or \$2 million*
- *Maximum term is 7 years*
- *Rate fixed at 2% flat*
- *Each \$65,000 participated, one full time job should be created or retained in the next two years*

Please feel most welcome to reach out to us with any questions you may have!

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