



Cook County Bureau of Economic Development (CCBED)
BUILT 50-40 Loan Program
A program financed under Cook County's BUILT IN COOK Loan Program

BACKGROUND

The Cook County BUILT 50-40 Loan (50-40) Program, which was developed by the administration of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, provides loans to any industrial or commercial company located, planning to locate in Suburban Cook County. The 50-40 Loan Program was created to support job creation and retention projects that are typically associated with small businesses. The Program may be only be used to finance up 40% of total project costs (e.g. 50% lender financing, 40% CCBED, and 10% equity).

ELIGIBILITY

The program is targeted to small businesses in Suburban Cook County. The company must be in business at least three (3) years and show credit worthiness via a formal bank commitment. The company must create/retain jobs or conduct work in a blighted area of Suburban Cook County. Technical assistance (accounting, legal, and/or business mentoring) to support the loan may be required as part of the County's approval of the 50-40 Loan for the Applicant.

USES

Acquisition, Construction/Rehabilitation, Machinery and Equipment and project related soft costs.

FINANCING

The loan amount per transaction is \$70,000 to \$500,000. One full-time equivalent job must be created for every \$35,000 provided. CCBED financing cannot exceed 40% of total project costs. An equity contribution of 10% is required. Loans terms and amortization schedules shall be matched with the assets being financed by the program. Only one CCBED loan can be outstanding to the company and/or ownership group at any given time. Prevailing wage requirements may apply to this program along with permanent job creation/retention requirements. The CCBED loan rate will be 150 to 450 basis points (1.5% to 4.5%) above the stated index rate provided by HUD. Collateral requirements for the loan may include a personal and corporate guarantee along with a secured lien position on personal and/or company assets. The company must demonstrate the ability to support the existing and proposed debt.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must meet with CCBED for an initial assessment. The applicant submits a completed application to CCBED staff for review. The package must include a completed loan application and all supporting documents. The staff of CCBED will review the submitted application and supporting materials for creditworthiness. Credit worthy applications will then be scheduled for review and consideration by the CCBED Loan Committee. The loan may be settled once the terms of the commitment letter are satisfied.

FEES

\$500 application fee (non-refundable)

2.0 to 3.0% origination fee on the Cook County Loan (100% payable at closing)

Applicants are responsible for all 3rd party costs

Fees are subject to change. Please confirm all transaction fees with CCBED prior to application submission.

INQUIRIES

Please submit all inquiries to Courtney Pogue, Deputy Director of Economic Development, at 312-603-0310
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