

Purpose of the Program

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The Small Business Loans Association is a program by the Saskatchewan Government (Saskatchewan Industry and Resources) that encourages diversification of the Saskatchewan economy and supports community economic development by making funding available through community-run organizations to non-traditional entrepreneurs.

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Small Business Loans Program

Promoting Economic Development in Melville and area.

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- For new and existing business'
- Maximum Loan—\$15,000
- Loans may be used to purchase:
Equipment
Supplies
Inventory

What we do:

South Parkland REDA provides loans of \$15,000 or less to new or existing businesses in Melville and area. Businesses can use funding to purchase fixed assets, such as equipment, supplies or inventory. They cannot use the money for operating expenses or for repayment of existing debt. Loans are granted at fixed interest rate of 7%. Businesses have up to 5 years to repay their loans, with the exception of:

- Computer loans maximum of 3 years
- Inventory loans maximum of 2 years.

Who may borrow:

Businesses eligible for SBLA loans include any companies that have experienced difficulty obtaining financing through traditional means. Businesses not eligible for assistance are those engaged in direct farming exploration (mining and oil extraction) residential real estate, and multi-level marketing. Charitable organizations also do not qualify for assistance.

In making loans, an SBLA generally judges businesses on their ability to create jobs and to add services to communities. The ability of businesses to access traditional bank or credit union financing is also considered, as the intent of the program is to provide help to entrepreneurs who otherwise might not get started.

What you need to apply:

When you apply for a loan with the South Parkland REDA we require a business plan and a projected income/expense statement. You will meet with a loans representative and/or the administrator to discuss the details of your plan. At this meeting you will complete an Application for Financing, a Demand Promissory Note, and a Security Agreement.

What happens after you apply:

After you apply, your loan application will be reviewed. Your credit rating and references will be checked.

Your loan application will then be presented to a Credit Committee. The committee will review your application and make a decision as to the viability of the loan. When the loans committee approves the loan, it will be sent to Saskatchewan Industry and Resources for final approval. Sask. Industry and Resources require a loan application fee of \$60.00 payable to the Minister of Finance before your application can be processed. The province requires approximately two weeks to process the loan.

What we need from you after you receive the loan:

Upon approval of your loan we will require:

- Copy of paid receipts
- Where applicable, bill of sale, vehicle registrations, serial numbers on any equipment purchased, etc.
- A payment of \$60.00 payable to Saskatchewan Industry and Resources to cover all searches and applications.
- Repayment is by monthly post dated cheque.

Where do I apply:

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