

Emergency Loan Application Information

Purpose

Businesses create a strong economic foundation to any community and are critical to a community's success. When businesses can't operate or have operated at reduced levels due to situations outside of their control (such as an emergency situation) we know they require additional support to retain their operations and help to get back on track.

Emergency Loan Program

The emergency loan program provides financial support to businesses that have not been able to operate or have operated at a reduced level for more than 5 days due to the emergency situation.

Financing is provided in the form of a repayable loan with relaxed terms and interest rates as follows:

Loan Amount: Maximum up to \$20,000 per business based on Business Analyst assessed needs.

- Streamlined Application and Approval Process – increasing approval and turnaround time on the loans.
- Application will consist of:
 - Completed Application Form – Specific to this loan program
 - 3 years of financial statements showing at least one year of profitability with most recent Corporate T2 or Personal tax filing
 - Credit Check on owner(s) and business
 - Limited security requirements – Personal Guarantees / Co-Borrower and General Security Agreement
- Waiver of application fee
- Maximum Amortization/Term will be for 60 months
- Pre-approved interest rate of Prime + 2% (currently 2.95%) and will be the fixed interest rate for the term of the loan
- No payments for up to first 6 months
- Once the first 6 months have passed, the client can choose to pay interest only for the following 12 months
- Offer 2 months of skip payments per year
- Should greater financial needs be identified, the loan can convert to usual loan process
- No penalties for early payout.

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Guidelines

Priority will be given to existing and past CF clients in good standing.

The business must:

- have been in operation when the emergency commenced
- When required, have a valid business license or approval to operate from the municipal or regional government

The business owner must:

- Be prepared to consent to being a co-borrower with the business. In the case of not for profit organizations or incorporated companies, a director(s) must sign on its behalf

Eligible Applicants

Any business that:

- Has not been able to operate or has operated at a reduced level for more than 5 days due to the emergency situation.
- Business must be able to demonstrate a loss or reasonable expectation of reduction of business due to the emergency situation.

**Businesses include:

- for-profit: including sole proprietorships, partnerships, incorporated companies, and ranches/farms
- not-for-profit entities: including co-operatives, social enterprises, charitable

Ineligible Applicants

- Any level of Government, including: Federal, Provincial, Municipalities, Regional Districts and First Nations

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