



CECIL CATALYST

OVERVIEW FOR COVID-19 LOANS

PURPOSE

To provide loans to small businesses in Cecil County that have realized a significant financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

LOAN TERMS

Amount

Loans may be made in amounts as low as \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$75,000, however, loan requests ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 are encouraged at this time.

Uses

Loans may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent/mortgage payments, materials, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business.

Interest Rate

Fixed at 3% for the term of repayment with interest only payments during year one.

Term of Repayment

At the discretion of the Loan Review Committee.

Collateral & Guarantee

Loans of \$15,000 or less will be unsecured while loans greater than \$15,000 may be unsecured or secured at the discretion of the Loan Review Committee. All loans will require the personal guaranty of the applicant business' principal(s)/owner(s).

Fees

\$100 application fee waived for COVID-19 loan applications. For secured loans, the applicant/borrower will be responsible for all applicable customary out-of-pocket closing costs, including, but not limited to, title and lien searches, recordation fees, taxes, and legal fees – these fees/costs are due at time of settlement; however, they may be rolled into the loan at the discretion of the Loan Review Committee.

UNDERWRITING CRITERIA

Loans greater than \$15,000 may be required to be reviewed by a qualified underwriter selected by the Loan Review Committee. All applicants are required to demonstrate credit worthiness as well as an acceptable debt to income ratio that demonstrates the ability to repay the loan in full.

TO APPLY

Download fillable application at cecilbusiness.org and submit completed application along with all applicable supplemental materials via email to covidrelief@ccgov.org. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis although the Loan Review Committee may establish a weekly deadline and/or cap.

LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Loan Review Committee will meet virtually on a weekly basis, as needed.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

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