SBA 504 Loan Program

Accion Texas CDC is a private, nonprofit, economic development organization certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration to process, administer and service SBA 504 loans in the state of Texas.

Accion’s 5 Cs of Economic Development

Coordinating with Resource Partners
Contributing to Communities
Collaborating with SBA
Creating Bank Alliances
Coaching Small Businesses

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What Can 504 Finance?
- Purchase of land (with intention to build)
- Purchase of existing building
- Construction of new buildings
- Renovating, expanding, or upgrading existing buildings
- Construction contingency reserve
- Machinery and equipment with a useful life of 10 or more years
- Some furniture, fixtures and equipment
- Some existing debt

What’s a 504?
- 504 is a loan program created by the SBA to finance the commercial real estate and equipment needs of small businesses
- The program offers a long-term, competitive fixed interest rate
- It’s designed to assist for-profit, owner-occupied businesses operating in the U.S.

Why Successful Lenders Use 504
- Participating lenders receive a “first lien” position on project property
- A low loan-to-value strengthens lender’s loan portfolio
- The program’s fixed interest rate can help the lender be more competitive
- Most soft costs may be rolled into the project financing
- A secondary market provides additional income opportunities
- Helps to get projects done when borrowers don’t have enough equity

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Typical Financing Structure

- 50% Bank Loan (1st Lien)
- 40% SBA/CDC Loan (2nd Loan)
- 10% Owner’s Equity

How Much Does the Borrower Need to Put Down?
- 10% (in most cases)
- 15% for start-up businesses (less than 2 years) or special-purpose facilities
- 20% if the project is both a start-up and a special-purpose facility

How Much Can a Business Borrow?
- There is no limit to the total project cost. However, the SBA portion of the 504 financing cannot exceed:
  - $5 million
  - $5.5 million for manufacturers or green energy efficiency projects
  - There is no maximum limit placed on a participating lender’s loan portion

504 Cannot be Used for:
- Working capital
- Inventory
- Advertising
- Goodwill
- Automobiles, trucks and other rolling stock
- Tenant improvements
- Franchise fees

Sample Projects Financed
- Medical/Dental/Veterinarians
  - Offices and clinics
  - Outpatient surgery centers
  - Hospitals and labs
- Suppliers/Wholesalers
  - General warehouses and cold storage
  - Import/Export/Freight-forwarding
  - Food and produce suppliers
- Manufacturers
  - Industrial and consumer
  - Steel and pipe fabrication
  - Food processing
  - Chemical plants
  - Automotive industry suppliers
  - High-tech
- Retail/Franchise Businesses
- And many more . . .

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