

CENTRAL CORRIDOR READY FOR RAIL SMALL BUSINESS FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM



Purpose:

To provide a modest safety net for businesses that show a decline in sales due to the construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Line. The forgivable loan may be used for basic business expenses, including payroll, inventory, rent/mortgage, utilities, taxes, marketing, and insurance.

Who Qualifies?

For-profit small businesses with no more than \$2 million in annual gross sales that are:

- Independently owned (with four or fewer locations)
- Located on the Central Corridor Line (or within one block of the construction zone)
- Have been at their current Central Corridor location for one year prior to construction occurring in their immediate area
- Are focused on retail services (selling products or services directly to the consumer, including restaurants)
- Have experienced a decline in gross sales due to the construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail Line

Forgivable Loan Amount:

Up to \$20,000. Loan amounts will depend on demonstrated loss of revenue and availability of funds.

Structure and Terms:

Distributions will be structured as 0% loans that will be forgiven at the rate of 20% for each year the business stays on the Central Corridor Line (Loan is 100% forgiven after 5 years). Loans will be 5-year recourse obligations for the business owner if forgiveness terms are not met. The loan balance will be payable upon the sale of the business or its relocation from the Central Corridor.

When to apply:

Forgivable loan applications may be submitted 60 days or more after construction has started in your immediate area.

Please see reverse side for details on how to apply and information sessions.

How to apply:

In Saint Paul

- Download application at www.ndc-mn.org/ReadyForRailForgivableLoan
- Complete the application, provide all the requested documents and forward your full application by mail or delivery to Neighborhood Development Center at 663 University Avenue, Suite 200, Saint Paul, MN 55104.
 - Contact Neighborhood Development Center (NDC)
 - Phone: 651-379-8118
 - Email: R4Rforgivableloanprogram@ndc-mn.org
 - Web: www.ndc-mn.org/ReadyForRailForgivableLoan
 - NDC will begin administering loans immediately
 - Web: www.ndc-mn.org/ReadyForRailForgivableLoan
- Attend an information session at the following two locations:

Central Corridor Resource Center at 1080 University Avenue, Saint Paul, MN (parking available in lot) dates and times as follows:

Thursday, March 15 - 4:30 pm to 6 pm
Monday, March 19 - 9 am to 10:30 am
Thursday, March 22 - 4:30 pm to 6 pm

Neighborhood Development Center at 663 University Avenue, Suite 200, Saint Paul, MN (parking available in lot) dates and times as follows:

Monday, March 26 - 9 am to 10:30 am
Thursday, March 29 - 4:30 to 6 pm
Monday, April 2 - 9 am to 10:30 am
Thursday, April 5 - 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Monday, April 9 - 9 am to 10:30 am
Thursday, April 12 - 4:30 to 6 pm
Monday, April 16 - 9 am to 10:30 am
Thursday, April 26 - 4:30 to 6 pm

In Minneapolis

- Download application at www.ndc-mn.org/ReadyforRailForgiableLoan
- Complete the application, provide all the requested documents and forward your full application by mail or delivery to Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), 3137 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55407.
- Contact Iric Nathanson of Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD)
 - Phone: 612-789-7337 x14
 - Email: inathanson@mccdmn.org
 - MCCD will begin administering loans immediately
 - Web: www.mccdmn.org

For more information about the business support and resources available to your Central Corridor business visit: www.readyforrail.net

Call the construction hotline with construction related comments or to report an incident: **651-602-1404**