



ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS

FEDERAL FUNDING

Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA provides numerous types of loans and general support for small business.

www.sbaonline.sba.gov

1-800-827-5722

Department of Agriculture

[Rural Economic and Community Development Loan Program - Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans.](#)

Encourages commercial financing of rural business by creating and saving rural jobs and improving the economic and environmental climate of rural communities.

www.rurdev.usda.gov/ca/index.html

1-916-668-2080

Department of Energy

[National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics \(NICE³\).](#) NICE³ is a grant program that encourages industries to use waste productively or reduce industrial waste at its source.

www.oit.doe.gov/nice3/

1-303-275-4728

[State Energy Program.](#) The DOE allocates funds to state energy agencies for a variety of projects that promote energy conservation.

1-510-637-1950

CALIFORNIA FUNDING

California Treasurer's Office

California Pollution Control Financing Authority

[Large Business Pollution Control Tax-Exempt Bond Program.](#) Provides bond financing to California

Businesses for the acquisition, construction or installation

of qualified pollution control, waste disposal and resource recovery facilities.

www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfah.htm

1-916-654-5610

[Small Business Pollution Control Tax-Exempt Bond Program.](#) Provides bond financing to California

Businesses for the acquisition, construction or installation of qualified pollution control, waste disposal and resource recovery facilities. CPCFA may also provide a grant to partially offset the costs of issuance.

www.treasurer.ca.gov/smallbus.htm

1-916-654-5610

Loan Programs

[California Capital Access Program \(CalCap\).](#) Provides loan portfolio insurance for banks to encourage banks to make loans to small businesses that carry higher-than-conventional lending risk.

www.treasurer.ca.gov/calcap.htm

1-916-654-5610

California Industrial Development Financing Advisory Commission (CIDFAC).

[CIDFAC.](#) The Commission assists California manufacturing businesses in funding capital expenditures for acquisitions or expansions. Eligible projects include energy conversion and the manufacture or processing of recycled or reused products and materials.

California Trade and Commerce Agency

[California Small Business Loan Guarantee Program.](#) This program enables a small business to obtain a term loan or line of credit when it cannot otherwise qualify for a loan. Guarantees are issued through Small Business Financial Development Corporations.

www.smallbusiness.commerce.ca.gov

1-800-303-6600

Office of Small Business Financial Assistance. Offers numerous services to small businesses including advocacy, general information and referrals.

www.smallbusiness.commerce.ca.gov

1-916-322-5790

California Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs). SBDCs provide free, one-on-one counseling and technical assistance in the areas such as business planning, cash-flow management, export-import, financial management, marketing, procurement and venture capital access. There are over 45 offices located throughout California.

www.smallbusiness.commerce.ca.gov

1-916-322-5084

Hazardous Waste Reduction Direct Loans. Assist small businesses with low-cost funding to meet environmental regulations in reducing waste generated, or lessening the hazardous properties of waste generated. Proceeds can only be used to finance the purchase or installation of hazardous waste equipment and processes.

www.commerce.ca.gov

1-916-324-1295

Repair Underground Storage Tank Direct Loan. Assists businesses in repairing, removing, replacing, or upgrading petroleum tanks to meet US EPA and State requirements.

www.commerce.ca.gov

1-916-323-9879

California Energy Commission

Small Business Energy Loan Program (SBELP). The SBELP was established to fund projects that demonstrate energy savings through alternative energy technologies through low-interest loans.

www.energy.ca.gov

1-916-654-4650

California Integrated Waste Management Board

Recycling Market Development Zone Low-Interest Loan Program. California's 40 Zones offer a variety of incentives to recycling businesses. Each zone is unique and incentives vary. Loans are available only to recycling businesses.

www.ciwmb.ca.gov

1-916-255-1000

California Tire Recycling Grant Program. This program is intended to divert tires from disposal in landfills by promoting innovative research, fostering new business enterprises and supporting local government programs.

www.ciwmb.ca.gov

1-916-255-2577

California Air Resources Board

California Air District Working Group Emission Reduction Program. Most air districts have a funding mechanism for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Projects. Funding amount and availability varies by district.

www.arb.ca.gov/

1-916-327-7214

California Alternative Energy & Advanced Transportation Financing Authority

CAEATFA Funding. For companies considering alternative energy or advanced transportation technologies, this program offers financing at lower than conventional costs. The Authority devotes special attention to the needs of small businesses.

1-916-654-5610

LOCAL/REGIONAL FUNDING

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

Air Quality Assistance Fund. The fund was created to increase the availability of financial assistance to small businesses for the purpose of complying with SCAQMD's air quality regulations.

1-909-396-3298

Alameda County Waste Management Authority

Grants Program. Grants are available to businesses interested in projects that promote source reduction, recycling and the development, marketing and use of recycled content.

www.stopwaste.org

1-510-614-1699

Sacramento Metropolitan Utility District (SMUD)

Energy Efficiency Loan Program. This loan program is used to encourage SMUD customers to replace high-energy use equipment with more efficient models.

1-916-732-6198

