



Louisville Metro FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND LOAN PROGRAMS

As you start and grow your business, the Louisville Forward team is ready to assist you with applicable public incentives. Louisville Metro has local incentives, including low interest loans, which assist with start-up capital, working capital and capital improvements to commercial properties, as well as tax abatement programs, to save you money as you grow your business.

METCO

The Metropolitan Business Development Corporation (METCO) governs Louisville metro's small business loans, and provides financial assistance through commercial loans for new and expanding businesses, including facade, accessibility and gap financing loans. These loans are evaluated on project cost and fund availability, with a variety of interest rates, depending on the loan program. Pre-application is available online. See reverse for more detailed information on loan types and qualifications.

www.louisvilleky.gov/louisvilleforward

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM

The Property Assessment/Reassessment Moratorium allows the waiver of the local incremental tax value for added improvements from the assessment of a structure for five years. The following properties are eligible:

- Structures older than 25 years are eligible if improvements are at least 25% of the property's value; or
- Structures in a qualifying target area (a census tract where at least 70% of the residents are below 80% of the median income for Jefferson County) are eligible if improvements are at least 10% of the property's value; or
- The qualifying property will, at the conclusion of the improvement plan, be LEED-certified.

www.louisvilleky.gov/government/construction-review/tax-moratorium

MANUFACTURING TAX MORATORIUM

This program allows companies tax relief for locating or expanding a manufacturing facility in Louisville Metro. The Manufacturing Tax Moratorium allows property taxes to be abated for five years for:

- A new manufacturing company locating in, or moving into, Louisville Metro; or
- The increased value of a building/equipment for an existing manufacturing company that is expanding its operations for a new product line in Louisville Metro.

www.louisvilleky.gov/government/louisville-forward/property-redevelopment-incentives



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GAP-FINANCING/BUSINESS LOANS

Midi Loan – provides start-up or expansion costs to small business owners. This loan is offered at a minimum of 5% interest rate, ranging from \$15,000-\$50,000.

Louisville Agribusiness Loan – low-interest pool targeted to assist businesses processing food grown by Kentucky farmers and who are located in the Portland neighborhood. Loans are offered at minimum of 3% interest rate, up to \$100,000.

Gap Financing Loan – provides up to 25% of project costs, or \$200,000, in gap financing, to eligible small businesses. This loan can be financed up to 10 years at a minimum rate of 5%.

Small and Disadvantaged Gap Financing Loan – provides up to 50% of project costs, or \$200,000, in gap financing to eligible minority or women-owned businesses. This loan can be financed up to 10 years at a minimum rate of 5%.

Go Green Loan – helps businesses increase energy efficiency and/or create “green” jobs. These loans can be used for energy-efficiency upgrades or businesses creating green products or services. Loans are offered at minimum of 3% interest rate.

Facade Loan – available to commercial property owners to revitalize neighborhood commercial corridors in Louisville. Facade loans are awarded for exterior property improvements, including window and door replacements, storefronts, masonry repair, siding, painting, carpentry, signage, and landscaping, and are offered at a fixed rate of 3% over 10 years.

Accessibility Loan – offered to commercial property owners for the purpose of making buildings more accessible to people with physical disabilities. Loans are limited to \$15,000 for exterior or interior accessibility improvements and are loaned at a maximum of 100% of the total approved project at a fixed interest rate of 3%.

Commercial Renovation Loan – provides financing for the renovation of commercial properties that have been vacant for a significant amount of time and are in a state of disrepair. Without improvements to the structure it would be unsuitable for a business to utilize the property for the operation of their business, resale or to lease. The loan will be collateralized by a mortgage on the improved property but other collateral may be used in place of, or in addition to, the improved property as approved by the METCO Board.

Brownfield Cleanup Loan Program (BCLP) – allows brownfield property owners and prospective purchasers to clean brownfield properties and return them to productive use. BCLP provides low-interest financing only for the environmental cleanup portion of the total costs of a real estate redevelopment project on a brownfield site.

Business Accelerator Loan – offered to new and expanding small business owners in the nine neighborhoods of west Louisville, to expand available services and products. Loans are up to \$30,000 for business owners whose business has been open less than one year, and \$50,000 for business owners whose business has been open for more than one year. No collateral required; loan is offered at an interest rate of 8%.



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