

REDI CARES

BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Regional Economic Development Investments (REDI) Inc.

REDI Inc. is a non-profit organization organized in 1991 to support business activities in a 10-county region of Southeast Iowa. REDI Inc. operates a business revolving loan fund with grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. Most recently in 2020, REDI Inc. received a new grant through the CARES Act to assist businesses with recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. This new program, known as REDI CARES, is available to businesses in the REDI region impacted by coronavirus. Applications are available by contacting local Economic Development offices in each county served by REDI Inc.

Loan Program Guidelines

1. Projects must be in one of the ten counties served by REDI Inc. (Appanoose, Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lucas, Mahaska, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, and Wayne).
2. Applicants must be sponsored by a local economic development office.
3. The minimum loan amount is \$25,000 and the maximum loan amount is \$250,000.
4. During the initial disbursement phase of the new RLF, a bank denial letter is not required and REDI may act as a primary lender.
5. The interest rate will be 3% fixed annual percentage rate for terms of 5, 7 or 10 years.
6. The program aims to create or retain jobs in the 10-county region. All applications must include information on jobs created or retained by the project. REDI Inc.'s may fund up to \$25,000 per job during the initial disbursement phase of the new RLF.
7. Repayment terms require monthly payments, with a maximum loan term of 10 years.
8. REDI CARES loans are limited the following activities: facility (construction/improvement/expansion), machinery & equipment (acquisition/upgrade), furniture & fixtures (acquisition/upgrade), working capital (daily operations, start-up costs, overhead, inventory). Davis-Bacon wage rates apply for construction.
9. Funds may not be used for projects purely speculative in nature (i.e., spec building construction).
10. All loans must be secured, and a first collateral position is desired if possible. Second security positions may be approved by the Board of Directors if necessary. All projects will require personal guarantees from all persons owning a 20% or larger share of the company.
11. Interested businesses must contact their local Economic Development offices for a loan application.

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Application Return

Applicants must complete the REDI loan application form along with all required documents to Area 15 Regional Planning Commission PO Box 1110, Ottumwa, IA 52501.

Contact Information

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