SBA 504 LOANS

SMART FINANCING FOR BUSINESSES



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Key Benefits

SBA 504 loans are attractive to borrowers because they offer a great opportunity for fixing occupancy costs with a long-term, fixedrate loan and a minimal down payment. More and more borrowers are seeing the upside to buying their properties, or refinancing into long-term, fixed-rate loans, while interest rates are low.

- · Low down payment (10% in most cases)
- Low, fixed interest rate
- Long loan terms (10-, 20- or 25-years)
- Includes soft costs (furniture, fixtures, fees)
- · Preserves working capital
- Protection from balloon payments
- Can include leasehold improvements
- · Payment stability

Who Is a Typical 504 Borrower?

What type of borrower is a good candidate for an SBA 504 Loan? Just about any for-profit business located in the U.S. that is looking to build, buy, or improve a commercial property, purchase equipment or refinance commercial mortgage debt.

| Medical/Professional | Retail/Service | Industrial | Other |
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| Doctor's Offices | Restaurants | Recycling Facilities | Bowling Alleys |
| Veterinarian Offices | Retail Stores | Food Manufacturing | Funeral Homes |
| Dentists | Health Clubs | Steel Production | Car Washes |
| Attorneys | Day Care Providers | Packaging Company | Assisted Living |
| Accountants | Car Washes | Commercial Printers | Grain Elevators |
| Chiropractors | Farmers Markets | Machine Shops | Livestock Feedlots |
| Architects | Boutiques | Freight & Transport | Mini-Storage |
| Graphic Designers | Auto Repair Shops | Wholesalers | Rehab Facility |
| Physical Therapists | Convenience Stores | Mass Production | Recreation Facility |

How is the SBA 504 Typically Used?

| EXPANSIONS | REFINANCING | GREEN ENERGY |
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| Equipment purchases | Real Estate loans | New builds with sustainable energy |
| Building acquisitions | Lines of credit | Energy efficient upgrades |
| Land purchases | Consolidate multiple loans | Energy generating equipment |
| New construction | Obtain working capital | |
| Leasehold improvements | SBA 7a Loans | |
| Furniture & fixtures | | |
| How the 504 Helps | How the 504 Helps | How the 504 Helps |
| Long-term fixed rates | Eliminates balloon payments | Removes \$ limit on 504 portion |
| Predictable payments | Fully amortized | Borrowers can take multiple loans |
| No future balloons | Existing equity often covers the down payment | Slashes the bank's risk to 50% |
| Low down payments | Can provide a cash-out option | Up to \$5.5 million per project |

Will Your Project Qualify?

If you answer "yes" to the following questions, your project will likely qualify for a 504 Loan:

- 1. Will the project finance fixed assets such as building construction, the purchase of an existing building and/or long-term equipment?
- 2. Is the business for-profit & located in the U.S.?
- 3. Does the business, including affiliates, have a tangible net worth of less than \$20 million and after-tax profits, averaged over the last two years, of less than \$6.5 million?
- 4. Will the business occupy at least 51% of the project property for existing buildings or 60% of the project property for new construction? Or, will the equipment be used for business operations?

The 504 Loan Program is partnership at its best. There's simply no other product on the market that offers entrepreneurs an affordable way to grow their business, gives banks a low-risk addition to their menu of lending solutions and promotes job growth and economic development in communities across the country.

Founded in 1988, Growth Corp is the largest provider of SBA 504 commercial real estate financing in Illinois. As a non-profit development company certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration to originate SBA 504 Loans in Illinois and its surrounding areas, Growth Corp has helped thousands of small and medium-sized businesses facilitate expansion.