

# Business Finance Program

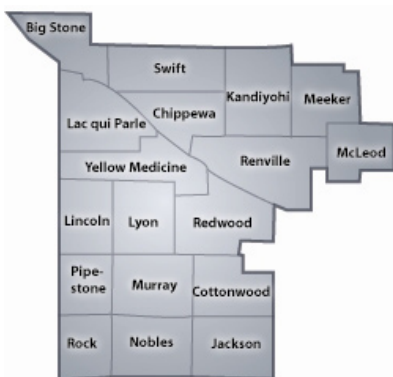


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## Service Area

The Southwest Initiative Foundation's service area includes the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota.



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An equal opportunity provider

*Supports the development and growth of small businesses throughout southwest Minnesota.*

## Eligibility and Use of Funds

For-profit businesses operating within the 18-counties served by the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) may be eligible for the Business Finance Program. Eligible projects must create or retain jobs that provide a livable wage with benefits, generate new wealth for the region and diversify the economy of southwest Minnesota.

Applicants must have adequate cash flow to service debt, complement SWIF's loan with lending from the private sector and be committed to the 18-county region.

Loan funds may be used for machinery and equipment, inventory, working capital and real estate.

## Loan Terms

- Maximum loan amount is \$200,000
- Loan amounts up to \$400,000 for projects in the following asset sectors: renewable energy, food and agriculture, bioscience and manufacturing.
- Fixed rate at one percent under the Wall Street Journal prime rate at time of loan approval with a six percent floor and ceiling of 10 percent.

- Amortization of the loan is based on the life of the assets. Loan maturity will generally be five years but may have extended amortizations if the assets financed warrant. If amortized beyond five years, a balloon payment may be required.
- Must have adequate collateral and may be subordinate only to the interest of the bank as the primary lender.
- Recipients will be charged a one percent loan origination fee plus all costs associated with the loan.

## How to Apply

- Applicants should contact SWIF at 800-594-9480, 320-587-4848 or [loans@swifoundation.org](mailto:loans@swifoundation.org) early in the project development stage.
- Complete a Loan Application that includes basic loan information, a business plan and financing needs and sources. Applications may be downloaded at [www.swifoundation.org/loans](http://www.swifoundation.org/loans).