

# Regional Centers Loan Program

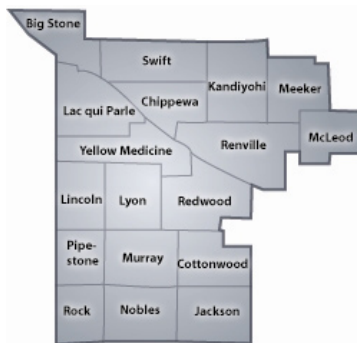


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## Service Area

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



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*Recognizes and enhances the continuation of regional economic growth and activity in and around the regional centers of Hutchinson, Marshall, Willmar and Worthington.*

## Eligibility and Use of Funds

Eligible manufacturing, professional or technology for-profit business located in Hutchinson, Marshall, Willmar or Worthington must:

- Be a business that creates new wealth for the region.
- Create or retain jobs that provide a livable wage with benefits.
- Contribute to building the region's assets.
- Have adequate cash flow to service debt.
- Complement lending from the private sector.

Regional Centers Loan Program funds may be used for machinery and equipment, inventory and/or working capital.

## Loan Terms

- Loan size must not exceed \$500,000.
- Interest rate will be a fixed rate at one percent under the Wall Street Journal prime rate at the time of approval with a six percent floor and a ten percent ceiling.

- Loan amortization will be based on the life of the assets and will match the amortization of the other lenders on the project when possible.
- Loan maturity will generally be five years but may have extended amortizations if warranted by the financed assets. A balloon payment may be required if amortized beyond five years.
- Loans must have adequate collateral and may be subordinate only to the interest of the bank as the primary lender.
- Loan 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.html](http://www.swifoundation.org/loans.html).