

Small Communities Loan Program

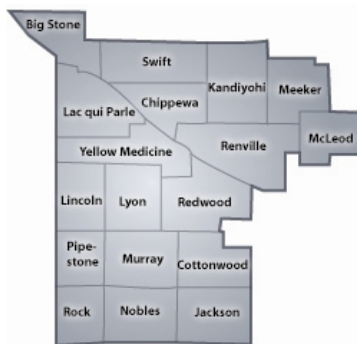


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FOUNDATION

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Service Area

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



Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards
for U.S. Community Foundations

Offers loans in communities with populations of less than 1,500 for projects that support and enhance the vitality of the community.

Eligibility and Use of Funds

Loans may be used to fund small municipal projects, support for local nonprofit organizations, benefit the local school district or for-profit businesses that:

- Are located in a community with a population of less than 1,500.
- Contribute to building the community's vitality.
- Have adequate cash flow to service debt.

Loan Terms

- Loan size must not exceed \$50,000.
- 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.
- Fixed interest rate at one percent under the Wall Street Journal prime rate at time of loan approval with a six percent floor and a ceiling of ten percent.

- 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 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.