
Lending Guidelines

At CLIMB Fund, we follow the SBA's 7(a) loan program guidelines to support small businesses in South Carolina. Our lending process prioritizes compliance with federal requirements while ensuring we serve businesses that align with our mission. Below are the key terms, conditions, and eligibility requirements for our loans.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a loan with CLIMB Fund, businesses must meet the following criteria:

- Operate as a for-profit business.
- Be physically located in South Carolina.
- Meet SBA size standards for small businesses. Learn more about SBA size standards.
- Be unable to obtain credit on reasonable terms from non-government sources.
- Demonstrate creditworthiness and the ability to repay the loan.

Additionally, the applicant (and any guarantors) must not:

- Have filed for bankruptcy within the past two years.
- Be delinquent on child-support payments.
- Have defaulted on federal debt, such as student loans.

Ineligible Businesses

Some businesses are ineligible for financing under the SBA 7(a) loan program and CLIMB Fund's guidelines, including:

1. Restricted Activities:

- Selling firearms or ammunition.
- Engaging in gambling activities.
- Operating sexually oriented businesses.
- Engaging in illegal activities.

2. Prohibited Business Types:

- Life insurance companies.

- Financial services providers offering loan products.
- Multi-level sales distribution plans.
- Political or lobbying organizations.
- Religious for-profit organizations.
- Nonprofit organizations

3. Other Restrictions:

- Private clubs that limit membership for reasons other than capacity.
- Government-owned entities.
- Consumer or marketing cooperatives.
- Loan packagers deriving more than one-third of revenue from SBA loan packaging.
- Businesses where CLIMB Fund or an affiliated associate holds an equity interest.

Use of Loan Proceeds

Loan proceeds must comply with SBA-approved purposes, including:

- Working capital.
- Equipment purchases.
- Real estate acquisition or improvements.

Proceeds cannot be used for personal expenses, refinancing personal debt, or other prohibited activities.

Loan Terms and Conditions

All loans are subject to SBA regulations, including:

- Loan amounts.
- Interest rates.
- Fees.
- Maturity terms.

The specific terms are negotiated between the borrower and CLIMB Fund.

For more information about eligibility and terms, visit the [SBA's official site](#) or contact us directly at info@climbfund.org