

CFDC Loan Information Fact Sheet

CFDC General Loan Fund:

- **Business Loans** for either start up or expansion; **customized** for your business and can be used for capital expenditures or operational requirements.
- Up to **\$150,000** available financing. Approval based on business plan and application.
- Interest rate at Prime rate +2.5% (with the lowest rate offered at **7.75%**).
- The amortization and interest rate may be decided on a case-by-case basis (dependent upon the available security and amount of financing requested).
- **Average Term is 3 years.**
- Flexible repayment (if business is seasonal, CFDC may offer seasonal repayment schedule).
- **No penalties** are charged for early payout or lump sum payments, which can be made at any time.
- **Minimal one-time fees** charged. No monthly fees.
- **Blended monthly payments** (principal and interest) are made either on the 1st or the 15th of each month and can be automatically debited from your bank account.

Other Loan Funds:

➤ Targeting businesses in the **Forestry** Industry; such as value-added wood manufacturing, logging or trucking. Forest Renewal BC has contributed to these funds. Clients may borrow up to \$250,000.




➤ Targeting **Youth** between the ages of 18-34, who are starting up a business. The Canadian Youth Business Foundation has partnered with CFDC for these funds. Clients may borrow up to \$30,000 and have access to a mentor and professionals for free.



➤ Targeting **Disabled** entrepreneurs. Western Economic Diversification Canada has partnered with CFDC for this fund. Clients may borrow up to \$150,000.



➤ CFDC has a strategic lending partnership with the Business Development Bank of Canada 

Applications should include:

- Business plan including a 12 month cash flow projection ~ See our CFDC Business Plan Guide
- Signed application form for each partner (or shareholder); granting CFDC permission to check credit history of each applicant and their spouses
- If existing business, provide last 3 years of financial statements (balance sheet and income statement)
- If new business, provide market survey and letters of support from potential customers or clients

Who reviews my application and business plan?

All applications and business plans are reviewed by CFDC staff, to make sure they are "Board ready". Our staff are Certified Business Counselors and are qualified to assist you with your planning. Once the proposal is ready, the CFDC Loan Review Board meets and reviews the proposal. Please allow approx. 2 weeks for response to your loan application. The Board is made up of volunteer members, each of whom have many years of experience operating profitable business themselves. The Board has final decision regarding approval.

What will the Board be looking for in my loan application and business plan?

The Board will review and consider the following:

- Business description and viability
- The personal financial stability and past credit history of each applicant
- Abilities and skills as Owner / Operator
- Re-pay ability of the business and market availability
- Marketing & advertising plan
- Potential for growth and future employment
- Equipment, property, vehicles, co-signors, mortgage, etc. available for security
- How much cash the business owner has to invest
- That the amount of financing requested is appropriate
- Competition
- Job Creation

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