



Wilmington Downtown, iNC

Wilmington Downtown, Inc. (WDI)

Microloan Program Fact Sheet

Program summary: As an organization uniquely positioned to assist small businesses in downtown Wilmington in their recovery from the detrimental effects of COVID-19, Wilmington Downtown, Inc. (WDI) is proud to make available a new source of funding through its Microloan program. This program is designed to both attract and retain our businesses and jobs within our vibrant downtown through providing attractive, below-market financing to support our business community and help them to mitigate their operating cost challenges.

Program inception: April 2021

Account funding available: \$470,000

Loan Terms:

- Only commercial business owners within the Central Business District, established commercial districts (Castle Street), and emerging districts (Brooklyn Arts District, Cargo District, North Waterfront, Northside, Soda Pop District, and South Front District) are eligible applicants. Tax exempt entities such as religious or nonprofit groups are ineligible for loan funds.
- Maximum loan amount = \$20,000
- Maximum term = 5 years
- Loan rate = $\frac{3}{4}$ of the New York Prime rate as of the date of the application approval (2.44% as of August 18, 2021)
- Payment deferral = Closed loans allow for loan payments to be deferred for the first 6 months. Interest on the loan will accrue during the deferral period.
- Eligible expenditures include: inventory; furniture, fixtures and equipment; up to 3 months of rent or mortgage payments; equipment and equipment repairs; equipment to provide a safe/healthy environment for employees or customers; and adding or expanding e-commerce capabilities.
- Ineligible expenditures include: personnel expenses/salaries; interior or exterior building renovations (unless the applicant owns the building); moving expenses; and vehicles.
- In addition, applicants may not use funds to relocate from one building to another within downtown, unless this is the result of business expansion that creates new jobs.