



Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to borrow?

Small businesses licensed in and located in Athens-Clarke County are eligible to apply.

How long should my business have been in operation?

There is no minimum length of time, however, loans to younger businesses will be reviewed in more detail by the RLF Review Committee and may be assigned higher interest rates than more established businesses.

Can I apply if I have been in business for 12 months, but do not have three years of financials yet?

Yes. The RLF committee will treat your application as a “startup business” and will require the supporting documentation as noted in the New Business Support Documents Checklist.

How much may I borrow and for how long?

Loan amounts depend on each business’ need and range up to \$150,000. Please keep in mind that the RLF may only provide up to forty percent (40%) of the financing package. The term for all loans is five (5) years or less and depends on the amount requested and scope of the loan.

What is the interest rate?

Interest rates will be determined at the time of approval based on the type of loan, the borrower’s history, and the level of risk.

Is there an application fee?

No. There is no application fee for the RLF program; however, if the RLF Committee approves an application for funding, the applicant is responsible for the following: credit report fee, title insurance, UCC searches, surveys, the Fund’s legal fees, recording costs, and documentary stamps. Please note that the applicant may choose to pay all fees up front or fees may be added to the final loan amount.

Is there a prepayment penalty?

No.

Do I have to have collateral?

Yes, all RLF loans have to be secured. Collateral may consist of business and/or personal assets.

How many jobs do I have to create or maintain?

For every \$40,000 borrowed, the borrower must create or maintain one new full-time job. Of the positions created, fifty-one percent (51%) must be held by individuals who are considered at/or below moderate-income. For RLF loans less than \$40,000, no job creation or maintenance is required.

How are funds disbursed?

Typically, Athens-Clarke County will disburse RLFs in one payment.