

# **Pawtucket Business Development Corporation (PBDC)**

## **Loan Program Summary**

The Pawtucket Business Development Corporation (PBDC) serves primarily as a gap or bridge financing resource for small and medium sized businesses in the City of Pawtucket. Its purpose is to encourage businesses to locate to the City, increase or retain employment, renovate existing commercial buildings, expand the tax base and promote private enterprise.

Since 1993, the nonprofit corporation has provided more than \$4.1 million in loans to Pawtucket businesses. These PBDC loans produced some \$30 million in bank financing for these businesses. Our programs also feature low interest rates, with annual rates as low as 2%.

### **General Loan Program:**

- All small and medium sized businesses located in Pawtucket or planning to locate to Pawtucket are eligible to apply for a PBDC loan through the general loan program.

### **PBDC loans may be used on the following\***

- **Commercial Ventures** (\$10,000 cap)
- **Equipment Loans** (\$50,000 cap)
- **Real Estate Loans** (\$100,000 cap)
- **Working Capital Loans** (\$50,000 cap)
- **Restaurants Loans** (\$50,000 cap)

\*Applicants may apply for higher loan amounts, but shall be subject to additional levels of review and approval.

### **Specialty Loan Programs:**

- **Micro-Loan Program**  
Provides small-scale loans between \$2,000 - \$15,000 to businesses with 10 or fewer employees located in or planning to locate to Pawtucket.
- **Growth Center Loan Program**  
Provides forgivable loans to businesses located in or planning to locate to the City's Downtown and/or designated Growth Centers.
- **PBDC COVID-19 Loan Programs**  
Provides either a \$10,000 low interest loan or \$5,000 forgivable loan to small businesses which can demonstrate loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses must be able to demonstrate at least a 30% loss in revenue or 50% loss in revenue during the pandemic to be eligible for the \$10,000 loan and \$5,000 forgivable loan respectively.

PBDC loan programs are funded through the City of Pawtucket's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation and it intended to support low/moderate income Pawtucket residents and/or assist Pawtucket businesses retain employees or hire new employees.

For more information on the PBDC and information on how to apply for loan, please contact the Pawtucket Planning Department at [ahebert@pawtucketri.com](mailto:ahebert@pawtucketri.com) or by phone at 401-728-0500 ext. 430.