

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

AA.T00 or 21.000 U.S. TREASURY STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE

Program Description: The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (the “Act”) was created to help increase credit availability for small businesses. The Act created the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) and appropriated \$1.5 billion to be used by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”). These funds granted by the Treasury are to provide direct support to states for use in programs designed to increase access to credit for small business. Within the Act, Maryland is allocated a total of \$23 million available in three installments subject to performance. Some of the funds will not actually be disbursed but will be held as reserves against loan guarantees.

Program Supported/Population Served: SSBCI funds have been approved to support four State programs: (1) the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority (MIDFA) Loan Guaranty, (2) The Maryland Venture Fund, (3) the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority (MSBDF) Loan Guarantee and (4) the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development- Neighborhood Business Works (DHCD-NBW). These funds must target an average borrower-size of 500 employees or less and loans averaging \$5 million. A critical performance measure is the ability to leverage ten dollars of private sector lending for each dollar of federal funds. Accordingly, Maryland will have to cause \$230 million of bank lending to small businesses over the seven-year lifespan of the program. Upon successful completion, the state retains the federal funds for continued lending support. DBED has received the second installment of funds January 22, 2015 of \$7.6 million. Eighty percent of the second installment of \$7.6 million must be expended, obligated or transferred before the third installment may be requested.

Over the life of the program, the funds have been deployed in four programs as follows:

- To date, 24 SSBCI transactions have been approved utilizing \$4,510,017 of SSBCI funds leveraging \$97,633,000 in private sector loans & investments impacting 1,006 jobs:
 - Eight MIDFA loans totaling \$10,415,000 guaranteed for \$3,232,070 utilizing \$646,250 of SSBCI funds and impacting 352 jobs
 - Eleven Enterprise Investments utilizing \$3,671,967 of SSBCI funds to leverage \$83,900,000 in private sector investments and impacting 590 jobs.
 - Five MSBDF) loans totaling \$1,525,000 guaranteed for \$929,000 utilizing \$191,800 of SSBCI funds and impacting 64 jobs
- Does not include deals approved but Withdrawn/Died before Settlement

45.025 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS - ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Program Description: Supports four components: 1) the basic state arts plan, 2) elements of the state plan addressing Arts Education, 3) elements of the state plan fostering arts in underserved communities, and 4) elements of the state plan that support efforts to discover, share and sustain traditional arts and culture in Maryland. The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) supports the performing, visual, and literary arts. The MSAC provides unrestricted operating support to more than 300 arts organizations and programs annually in recognition of its importance to the vitality and sustainability of the state's non-profit arts sector. The arts in Maryland deliver more than \$1.3 billion in total economic impact and support more than 16,000 jobs. Each year more than eight million people attend arts events in Maryland. In addition, the Council also supports arts in education programs that reach 150,000 students in 500 Maryland schools. Other MSAC programs support Individual Artists, County Arts Councils, Folk and Traditional arts, Arts & Entertainment Districts, and Public Art.

59.061 SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT

Program Description: To boost the Maryland Export Initiative, DBED applied for and was awarded a federal grant as part of the State Trade and Export Promotion Program (STEP) authorized by the Small Business Jobs Act of 2012. The grant provides funding for small and medium sized Maryland companies to capitalize on opportunities in the global market and to help offset the cost of exhibiting at international trade shows and accessing the U.S. Commercial Service programs.

The STEP program is designed to help increase the number of small businesses that are exporting and to raise the value of exports for those small businesses that are currently exporting.

12.617 ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS

Program Description: To provide technical and financial assistance to a State, or an entity of State government, to enhance its capacities to assist communities, businesses, and workers affected by Defense program activity to plan and carry out community adjustment and economic diversification activities; support local adjustment and diversification efforts; and stimulate cooperation between statewide and local adjustment and diversification efforts.

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