

## § 120.390

economic assistance loan under the PLP or CLP programs.

### CAPLINES PROGRAM

#### § 120.390 Revolving credit.

(a) CapLines finances eligible small businesses' short-term, revolving and non-revolving working-capital needs. SBA regulations governing the 7(a) loan program govern business loans made under this program. Under CapLines, SBA generally can guarantee up to \$750,000.

(b) CapLines proceeds can be used to finance the cyclical, recurring, or other identifiable short-term operating capital needs of small businesses. Proceeds can be used to create current assets or used to provide financing against the current assets that already exist.

### BUILDERS LOAN PROGRAM

#### § 120.391 What is the Builders Loan Program?

Under section 7(a)(9) of the Act, SBA may make or guarantee loans to finance small general contractors to construct or rehabilitate residential or commercial property for resale. This program provides an exception under specified conditions to the general rule against financing investment property. "Construct" and "rehabilitate" mean only work done on-site to the structure, utility connections and landscaping.

#### § 120.392 Who may apply?

A construction contractor or home-builder with a past history of profitable construction or rehabilitation projects of comparable type and size may apply. An applicant may subcontract the work. Subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 may require 100 percent payment and performance bonds.

#### § 120.393 Are there special application requirements?

(a) An applicant must submit documentation from:

- (1) A mortgage lender indicating that permanent mortgage money is available to qualified purchasers to buy such properties;
- (2) A real estate broker indicating that a market exists for the proposed

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building and that it will be compatible with its neighborhood; and

(3) An architect, appraiser or engineer agreeing to make inspections and certifications to support interim disbursements.

(b) The Borrower may substitute a letter from a qualified Lender for one or more of the letters.

#### § 120.394 What are the eligible uses of proceeds?

A Borrower must use the loan proceeds solely to acquire, construct or substantially rehabilitate an individual residential or commercial building for sale. "Substantial" means rehabilitation expenses of more than one-third of the purchase price or fair market value at the time of the application. A Borrower may use up to 20 percent of the proceeds to acquire land, and up to 5 percent for community improvements such as curbs and sidewalks.

#### § 120.395 What is SBA's collateral position?

SBA will require a lien on the building which must be in no less than a second position.

#### § 120.396 What is the term of the loan?

The loan must not exceed sixty (60) months plus the estimated time to complete construction or rehabilitation.

#### § 120.397 Are there any special restrictions?

The borrower must not use loan proceeds to purchase vacant land for possible future construction or to operate or hold rental property for future rehabilitation. SBA may allow rental of the property only if the rental will improve the ability to sell the property. The sale must be a legitimate change of ownership.

### AMERICA'S RECOVERY CAPITAL (BUSINESS STABILIZATION) LOAN PROGRAM—ARC LOAN PROGRAM

#### § 120.398 America's Recovery Capital (ARC) Loan Program.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of the ARC Loan Program is to enable SBA to guarantee certain loans to viable small