The State Small Business Credit Initiative Program was created by the 2010 Small Business Jobs Act to support small-business lending and encourage financial institutions to be more assertive in their lending activities.

**Maximum Enhancement Amounts**

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**Who's Eligible?**

- Corporations
- Partnerships
- Sole Proprietorships
- Non-Profits*
- Cooperatives*

**Business uses of the loan includes, but is not limited to:**

- Start-up costs
- Working Capital
- Business procurement*
- Franchise Fees*
- Equipment
- Inventory
- Construction*
- Renovation, and Tenants' improvements to the business site.

*Restrictions apply to refinancing and other issues, refer to SSBCI guidelines for details.

**SSBCI Loan Guarantee Program**

**How the program works:**

1. Potential Lender enters into an Agreement with the implementing agency.
2. The Agreement incorporates the entire program. Approved Lender originates, processes, and services the Loan.
3. After preliminary loan approval, and after the Lender has submitted all necessary documentation,
4. Final Approval is granted. The Approval Document is mailed to the Lender (for file documentation).
5. Loan Defaults-States will share in losses (if any) according to State-specific guidelines.
Sex offender certification must accompany each loan request indicating that no principals have been convicted of a sex offense against a minor.

Lender must have 20% capital at risk

No refinancing is allowed with the existing lender

Lender’s client must be current in his obligation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue.

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