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Main Street Lending Program

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Business loans to help eligible small and medium-sized companies through the COVID-19 pandemic.

What it is

The program is designed to help credit flow to small and medium-sized businesses that were in sound financial condition before the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, but now need loans to help maintain their operations until they have recovered from, or adapted to, the impacts of the pandemic.

Loans originated under the program have several features that will help businesses facing challenges. The program offers 5-year loans, with floating rates, and principal and interest payments deferred as indicated in the chart below to assist businesses facing temporary cash flow interruptions.

The loans range in size from $250,000 to $300 million – a wide range that may support a broad set of businesses.

What it isn't

Main Street loans are not grants and cannot be forgiven.

How it works

Interested businesses will work with an eligible lender to determine if they meet the program requirements, which are available online, as well as the lender's own underwriting standards. The lender will determine whether a business is approved for a loan. The Fed will participate in the lending by purchasing a 95% interest in the loan. The lender retains 5% of the loan. Refer to the diagram at the end of the document for a schematic on how the program works.

To assist a broad range of businesses, the program will offer three different loan types, each with somewhat different characteristics as indicated in the chart.

	New Loan Facility	Priority Loan Facility	Expanded Loan Facility
Loan Term	5 years		
Principal Payments	Principal deferred for two years. Years 3-5: 15%, 15%, 70%		
Interest Payments	Deferred for one year		
Interest Rate	Adjustable rate of LIBOR (1 or 3 mo.) plus 300 basis points.		
Loan Size	$250,000 to $35 million	$250,000 to $50 million	$10 million to $300 million
Maximum Combined Debt to Adjusted 2019 EBITDA	4 times	6 times	6 times
Lender Participation Rate	5%		
Fed Participation Rate	95%		
Prepayment Allowed	Yes, without penalty		
Business Size Limits	15,000 employees or fewer, or 2019 revenues of $5 billion or less		
Fees	Origination and transaction fees may apply		

To get started

Business borrowers can review the program parameters prior to approaching a lender, and visit the borrowers page for additional information.

Lenders interested in the program can start at the lenders page, where information will be posted as it becomes available.

For additional resources visit bostonfed.org/mslp where you'll find frequently asked questions, term sheets, and the option to subscribe to email updates about the program.

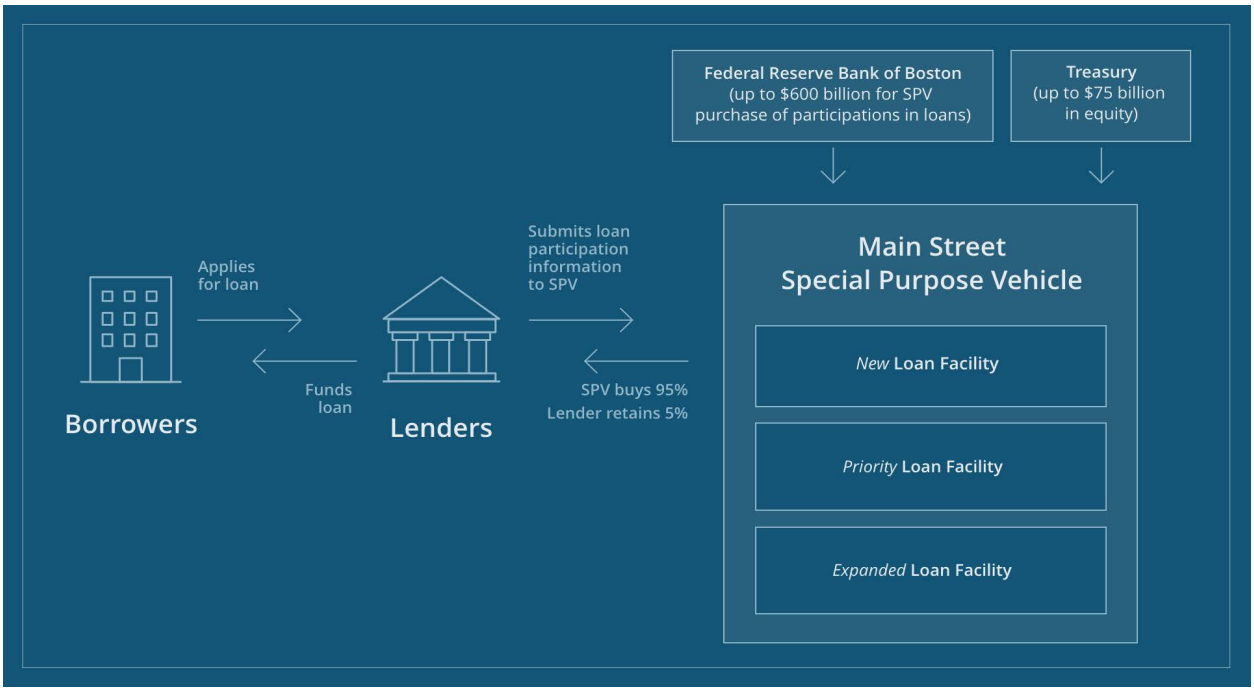
General questions about the program may be sent to MSLP@bos.frb.org.

Other resources

The Main Street program aims to assist businesses that employ a major share of the American workforce. For smaller businesses, in addition to reviewing the Main Street Lending Program materials, it may be useful to consult the Small Business Administration's Coronavirus Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources and the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund - Tools and Resources, which has a list of current certified CDFIs, many of which make loans to small businesses and provide technical assistance.*

Administration

The Main Street Lending Program is administered by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, which has established a special purpose vehicle to purchase loan participations from eligible lenders across the U.S.



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