MICRO LOANS:
Good things come in small packages

Eligibility:

- Purchase of equipment, materials/ inventory and/or working capital
- Existing small businesses, with 5 or fewer Full-Time Equivalent employees (FTE). Start ups on a case-by-case basis
- Small, minority or woman-owned businesses
- Anyone who has applied for and been denied funding from at least 2 conventional lenders; start-ups considered
- Each loan must create/retain one (1) or more jobs
- Borrowers must have received or agree to entrepreneurial/business training or mentoring
- Funds may not be used for renovations or construction

Terms & fees:

- Typically 5-year loans at prime rate plus 4%; may be tied to useful life of financed asset
- Application & credit report ($50)
- Origination fee (1% of loan, at closing)
- Legal and filing fees ($350 plus any UCC filings)
- Security interest on all assets, personal & corporate guarantees

Borrowers' investment:

- Startups – 20%
- Existing business – 10%

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Sometimes, it doesn't take a whole lot to make a huge difference. And often, it is the small, emerging business that is struggling to make ends meet that, if it had just a little more capital, could get its business up and running smoothly. We want you to succeed; with the Providence Micro Loan, you can do just that.

The Providence Micro Loan program is geared towards small businesses or entrepreneurs who have difficulty securing traditional financing elsewhere. For the small or minority/ women-owned business struggling to bring a great idea from the drawing board to the workplace, this loan product may solve the challenging puzzle you face.

We offer a non-traditional loan product – Micro Loans – as start-up funds, so your dream doesn't remain just a dream. Let us help you make it a reality.

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