



NEW ECONOMY FUND



Loan Program Application Guidelines

This document provides instructions for completing New Economy Fund Loan applications. For additional information on this program and others please contact the Bucks County Industrial Development Authority at 267-880-6071.

Program Overview

The purpose of the New Economy Fund is to direct public sector investments into private/public partnerships that promote new family sustaining jobs in areas where Bucks County enterprises have a competitive and comparative economic advantage, which absent public sector support would not otherwise occur or would not occur in as timely a fashion. In order to accomplish this, resources will be directed toward the following initiatives:

- A. Support and encourage the revitalization and adaptive reuse of older, vacant, and abandoned or underutilized industrial and manufacturing facilities.
- B. Utilize the county's strength as a major freight center, in road, rail and water.
- C. Capitalize on the good job opportunities and sustainable wages in areas including, but not limited to, biotechnology, life sciences, transportation, advanced manufacturing, distribution and related support enterprises in management, logistics and Information technology.
- D. Build on the County's comparative economic advantage in the fields of healthcare, medical device manufacturing and health care delivery.
- E. Promote job creation in sustainable wage and high skilled jobs essential to retain our young adult cohort...the future business and civic leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators Buck County will need to support a 21st Century economy.

Funding Eligibility

Funds from this program can be used to:

- Acquire land and buildings
- Demolish abandoned, underutilized, or unutilized buildings
- Site clearance
- Infrastructure improvements, including utilities, water, sewer, access roads and parking
- Environmental remediation only as part of an overall development project
- Machinery and equipment financing
- Working capital loans

Eligible Uses

Funds from this program can be used for hard costs associated with project development, for example: land and building acquisition, demolition, site clearance, infrastructure improvements, or similar investments as well as certain soft costs, such as engineering, planning, legal, consulting, closing or similar costs in projects that include acquisition, demolition and/or construction.

Project Submission and Approval

Eligible applicants must submit a completed Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA) Loan Fund Application along with all required appendices, in order for the BCIDA's Loan Review Committee to

underwrite the proposed project. Once this has been completed and the loan has been recommended to and approved by the full BCIDA Board of Directors, the following steps will occur:

- **Notice of Award** – The Executive Director, acting on behalf of the BCIDA Board of Directors, will notify the applicant of the approved loan.
- **Loan Documentation** – Counsel for the BCIDA shall prepare appropriate loan documentation which may include loan agreements, promissory notes, and security documents such as mortgages or security agreements with UCC filings, guarantees, title insurance and/or assignment of life insurance.
- **Repayment Schedule** – The loan documentation shall include the agreed upon repayment schedule.
- **Evidence of Permits, etc.** – Documentation must be provided by the applicant that all necessary permits, licenses, and any other registrations required have been obtained by the applicant prior to the release of funds.
- **Loan Closing** – Counsel for the BCIDA will schedule a loan closing. All loan documentation will be executed prior to fund disbursement and all security documents shall be recorded where necessary.
- **Disbursement of Funds** – The funds will be disbursed to a borrower in accordance with the terms of the loan documentation.