

NJEDA PROGRAMS

Financing for expansions and working capital

Bond Financing - \$500,000 to \$10 million in tax-exempt bonds for for-profit manufacturing companies, up to 20 years for real estate and 10 years for equipment. Capital improvements and expansions. Land and building acquisitions, new construction and renovations, and equipment purchases. Tax exempt status and NJEDA support usually yields more attractive rates than direct offerings. Additional eligibility and detail at <https://www.njeda.gov/bondfinancing/>

Direct Loans - Up to \$2 million for fixed assets. Up to \$750,000 for working capital. Businesses must commit to the retention and/or creation of one new full-time job for every \$65,000 of NJEDA exposure within 2 years. 1.1x debt service coverage ratio. Must be able to provide fixed assets (e.g. real property and machinery/equipment). Additional eligibility and detail at <https://www.njeda.gov/directloans/>

Premier Lender - Up to \$2 million loan participation or \$1.5 million loan guarantee for fixed assets. Up to \$750,000 loan participation or \$1.5 million loan guarantee for term working capital. Up to \$750,000 line of credit guarantee. Businesses who commit to the retention and/or creation of one new full-time job for every \$65,000 of NJEDA exposure within 2 years. 1.1x debt service coverage ratio. Must be able to provide fixed assets (e.g. real property and machinery/equipment). Rates are a blend of the bank rate and NJEDA rate. Additional eligibility and detail at <https://www.njeda.gov/premierlender/>

Small Business Fund - Small businesses: Up to \$500,000. Can be used for fixed assets or working capital. Fixed interest rate with expedited approval process. Minority-owned or women-owned businesses may qualify under criteria that support their unique circumstances. New Jersey-based small businesses in operation for at least one full year with revenue less than or equal to 3 million; not-for-profits for at least 3 years. 1.0x debt service coverage ratio for both non-profit and for-profit entities. Must be able to provide fixed assets (e.g. real property and machinery/equipment). Additional eligibility and detail at <https://www.njeda.gov/smallbusinessfund/>

Grants

Small Business Improvement Grant – Businesses who meet SBA definition of a Small Business may be reimbursed for capital improvements, or purchase and/or installation of new furniture, fixtures, and equipment (up to 2 years prior to application date). 50% of eligible total project costs up to \$50,000. Minimum project cost \$5000. Additional eligibility and detail at <https://www.njeda.gov/small-business-improvement-grant/>

Small Business Lease Grant - Grant funding to offset 20% of lease payments for 2 years. Business must meet SBA Definition of small business. New leases, amendments and extensions must occupy a minimum of 250 sq. ft., lease amendments or extensions must include an expansion of more than 250 sq. ft. (Space must be more than 250 sq. ft. larger than original leased space). The lease must be for a minimum 5-year term not including options. The lease must be market-rate based on commercial real-estate information. Maximum square footage incentivized is 10,000 sq ft. (larger can still be eligible, but only 10,000 will incented). Additional eligibility and detail at <https://www.njeda.gov/small-business-lease-grant-program/>

New Jersey Manufacturing Voucher Program (MVP3) (EXPECTED to open early 2025) - provides reimbursement equipment grants sized at 30% – 50% of the cost of the eligible equipment (including installation) up to a maximum award amount of \$250,000. Funding can only be used for the purchase and installation of (new and/or used) equipment used in the manufacturing process. The equipment must be located and installed at a New Jersey location. The MVP3 website is under construction, but interested parties can review the MVP2 information at <https://www.njeda.gov/mvp2/>