# SBA 504 GREEN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM AN INSIDER'S GUIDE

# WHAT IS THE 504 GREEN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM?

Business owners looking to purchase commercial real estate can secure multiple SBA 504 Loans (up to \$5.5 million maximum SBA/CDC contribution) for each project that meets SBA's green energy standards.

#### **BENEFITS**

# Larger SBA/CDC Loan Amount

SBA maximum contribution increases to \$5.5 million cap with no maximum total project limit.

## Non-Aggregated Lending

Borrowers can have multiple SBA 504 Green Project loans with no limit on how much capital is currently borrowed (up to the maximum SBA/CDC contribution of \$5.5 million per project). However, the total SBA/CDC contribution on multiple loans is capped up to \$16.5 million for the same business owner.

## **Save Money**

Reduction in energy costs will have longterm financial benefits for the business, while most energy improvements/equipment can be financed within the loan.



#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Borrowers need to only meet one of the following goals to qualify:

# GOAL #1

Reduce energy use by at least 10%

Improvements to a building currently occupied by the borrower must show a minimum of 10% reduction to enery usage (compared to historical consumption) through upgrades in equipment such as improved lighting, insulation, HVAC, and other energy consuming equipment.

#### GOAL #2

Generate at least 10% Renewable Energy

The property must have upgrades performed that produce at least 10% renewable energy. Energy that can be produced includes solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, and biomass.

#### GOAL #3

#### **LEED Certification**

If historic energy consumption records for the property are not available, a project can qualify if it is built or retrofitted using LEED certification standards through the completion of upgrades.

#### Questions?

Capital CDC will work in conjunction with our energy consultant to get you the answers you need.



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