

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Small Business Administration

Programs with PZ Benefits:

Community Advantage Program

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Website: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/oca/resources/14836>

Benefit Type: Program Assistance

Eligible Communities: Urban, Rural, and Tribal

Eligible Applicants for Community Advantage:

SBA-Authorized Certified Development Companies (CDCs);

SBA-Authorized Microloan Program Intermediaries (Microlenders);

SBA-Authorized Intermediary Lending Pilot (ILP) Program Intermediaries; and

Non-federally regulated Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) certified by the U.S. Treasury Department.

Benefits to Promise Zone: Community Advantage (CA) Lenders are required to make at least 60% of their CA loans in underserved markets. For the purposes of the CA Program, underserved markets include established Promise Zones, low-to-moderate income areas, businesses where more than 50% of the full-time workforce is low-income or resides in LMI census tracts, Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities, HubZones, new businesses in operation no more than two years, and businesses eligible for SBA Veterans Advantage.

Funding Availability: Businesses located in established Promise Zones may be eligible for guarantee loan financing from an SBA-approved lender, including mission-focused CA Lenders.

Background: Community Advantage (CA) is a pilot loan program introduced by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to meet the credit, management, and technical assistance needs of small businesses in underserved markets. CA provides mission-oriented lenders, primarily nonprofit financial intermediaries focused on economic development, access to 7(a) loan guarantees for loans of \$250,000 or less.

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