

*Have you been wishing you could start your own business?*

*Do you already have a business you wish you could expand?*

*Cherokee Nation's SSBCI Loan Program may be right for you!*

**Scan to learn more about the SSBCI Loan Program or call: Cherokee Nation SSBCI Program 918-453-5536**



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## SSBCI LOAN PROGRAM



## ABOUT THE SSBCI LOAN PROGRAM

The Cherokee Nation SSBCI Loan Program is expanding access to capital for native-owned businesses through the US Treasury's State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). Cherokee Nation's SSBCI Loan Program helps businesses get access to the financing needed to start or expand.

Cherokee Nation partners with financial institutions to fund a portion of the business' start-up or expansion costs. Borrower only needs to complete the private financial institution's application; Cherokee Nation does not require a separate application. Borrower should notify the lender that they are interested in Cherokee Nation's SSBCI Loan Program.

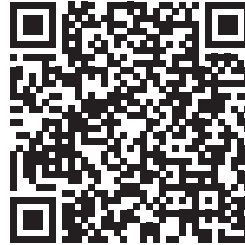
If your bank doesn't know about the SSBCI Loan Program, pass on the SSBCI contact information OR contact Cherokee Nation's SSBCI Program yourself and Cherokee Nation Commerce will reach out directly to your lender to discuss the program.

That means the bank doesn't take on as much risk, and the business owner does not have to provide as much equity as is normally required.

## ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

- ✓ No more than 500 employees, including all individuals employed full-time, part-time, or otherwise
- ✓ The Cherokee Nation SSBCI Loan Program is available to all citizens of federally recognized tribes living on the Cherokee Nation reservation.

- ✓ The loan program is also available to at-large Cherokee citizens throughout the United States
- ✓ The program is available to any U.S. citizen living or operating a business in a Cherokee Nation Opportunity Zone. For more information about Cherokee Nation Opportunity Zone, scan here:



## INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

- ✗ **SPECULATIVE ACTIVITIES** - A company engaged in speculative activities that profit from fluctuations in price
- ✗ **LENDING ACTIVITIES** - A business that earns more than half its annual net revenue from lending activities
- ✗ **PYRAMID SALES** - Enterprises engaged in pyramid sales
- ✗ **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES** - A business engaged in activities prohibited by federal law
- ✗ **GAMBLING ACTIVITIES** - A business deriving more than one-third of gross revenue from legal gambling activities
- ✗ **PASSIVE INCOME ACTIVITIES** - A business investing in real estate ventures

## INELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

- ✗ **PASSIVE INVESTMENTS** - Acquiring or holding passive investments in real estate, purchasing securities, and lobbying activities.
- ✗ **DELINQUENT INCOME TAX** - Repayment of delinquent income taxes unless the borrower has a payment plan with the relevant taxing authority. Delinquent taxes held in trust – repayment of delinquent sales or payroll taxes
- ✗ **OWNER REIMBURSEMENT** - Reimbursement of funds to any owner or equity investor
- ✗ **OWNERSHIP INTEREST** - Purchase of any portion of ownership interest of any business owner except for the benefit of an IRS-eligible employee stock ownership plan

## LOAN TERMS

**INTEREST RATE** - Below market rates fixed up to 10 years and adjusted annually after the fixed term ends.

**AMORTIZATION** - Term may not exceed 15 years, however the loan may be amortized for up to 20 years.

**COLLATERAL** - Collateral is required.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS** - Loans funded with Cherokee Nation's SSBCI Loan Program require at least a 1:1 match. For every \$1 borrowed from the program, another dollar must be borrowed from a private financial institution.

## LOAN AMOUNTS

The maximum SSBCI loan amount is \$5 million; total project cost may not exceed \$20 million.