



MPCA Small Business Assistance Resources

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- Technical Assistance

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

Small Business Ombudsman

- Financial Assistance

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- VOC reductions
- Breweries

Technical Assistance

Established through the Clean Air Act Amendments (Section 507) and Minnesota Statute (Chapter 116)

- **MPCA Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP)**
 - Provides technical assistance on permitting and other environmental needs
 - Separated from PCA permitting or compliance staff
 - Telephone or site visits
- **MPCA Small Business Ombudsman (SBO)**
 - Investigates and assists in resolution of concerns from small businesses against state or local air quality authorities
 - Works to provide small business perspective in federal, state, and local air regulations

Small Business Environmental Improvement Loan Program (MN Statute 116.993)

- Capital equipment or Site investigation and cleanup of contamination
 - Meets/exceeds environmental regulations
- Eligibility
 - Existing small business corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership or association;
 - have less than 50 full-time employees; an after-tax profit of less than \$500,000; and have a net worth of less than \$1 million



- Small Business Environmental Improvement Loan Program (continued)

- Terms

- Applications accepted year round
- 4% or half the prime rate, whichever is greater
- Up to \$50K with 7 year repayment
- flexible collateral

www.pca.state.mn.us/smallbizloan

Financial Programs - Loans

- Environmental Assistance Loan
 - Year-round applications
 - Minnesota-based small to medium-sized businesses
 - Priority eligible projects: green chemistry, pollution prevention, source reduction, recycling, and source-separated composting



Financial Programs - Loans

- Environmental Assistance Loans (continued)
 - Participatory Loans
 - Up to \$100k
 - Matched by loans from a participating financial institution
 - Direct Loans
 - \$50k
 - 4% or half the prime rate, whichever is greater
 - Matched one dollar from the applicant for every two dollars received

www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/environmental-assistance-loans

Financial Programs - Grants

- VOC Reduction Grants
 - Small businesses and other “nonpoint” sources
 - Equipment to reduce emissions
 - Likely available Fall 2017

www.pca.state.mn.us/voc



Financial Programs - Grants

- Sustainable Brewing and Distilling Environmental Assistance Grants

FY2017 - Assistance provider to help many facilities through:

- Individual on-site assessments and help with implementing cost-effective environmental projects.
- Awarded to MNTAP for work beginning this summer



Financial Programs - Grants

- Sustainable Brewing and Distilling Environmental Assistance Grants

FY2018 – Assistance Provider to help many facilities through:

- Finding solutions to common environmental problems.
- Applications were due on September 18, 2017. Currently in the evaluation process.



Contact Information

MPCA Brewing and Distilling Resources

www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/brewing-and-distilling

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