

<p><b>Program Summary</b></p>	<p>The Linked Deposit Program (LDP) is an interest rate subsidy program that encourages and assists eligible businesses within the state to make investments that contribute to improved performance and competitiveness, leading to a stronger economic climate for New York State. NYS has \$560 million committed to this very successful economic development program.</p>
<p><b>Legislative Changes</b></p>	<p><b>Effective April 2013:</b> The Governor and NYS Legislature amended legislation to allow technology and innovation businesses to <u>qualify for a 3% interest rate subsidy</u>. Included are businesses engaged in biotechnologies, information and communication technologies, advanced materials and processing technologies, electronic and photonic devices and components, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and environmental technologies, or small scale systems integration and packaging.</p> <p><b>Effective April 2012:</b> Agricultural Firms (as defined in subdivision two, section 301, Ag &amp; Markets Law) that employ 500 or fewer full-time, NYS-based employees <u>qualify for a 3% interest rate subsidy</u> for projects that will expand or improve agricultural operations and create or retain full-time permanent jobs in NYS.</p> <p><b>Effective April 2011:</b> The lifetime maximum allowance per eligible business increased from \$1 million to <u>\$2 million</u>, and borrowers can apply for a <u>four-year renewal/extension</u> on an existing LDP loan, providing up to 8 years of assistance on certain loans.</p>
<p><b>LDP Loan Limits</b></p>	<p>In 2013, LDP's loan limits were enhanced – an eligible business can now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have an unlimited number of LDP loans outstanding, for a total of <u>\$2 million</u>.</li> <li>▪ Be eligible for a single deposit not to exceed <u>\$2 million</u>, there is no minimum amount.</li> <li>▪ Receive total lifetime assistance also up to <u>\$2 million</u>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Application Eligibility</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Borrowers must be an existing NYS business (manufacturer employing 500 or fewer or service company employing 100 or fewer) and must be undertaking an expansion project that will improve its competitiveness. LDP cannot assist startups or companies that are not currently headquartered in NYS.</li> <li>▪ Professional and personal service businesses and retail companies are not eligible for LDP assistance UNLESS they employ 100 or fewer AND are located in a highly distressed census tract, OR they are a zone-certified business employing 100 or fewer and undertaking a project that will create/retain jobs at a certified Empire Zone location.</li> <li>▪ LDP proceeds can be used to help finance projects that will improve the company's competitiveness, increase productivity, and result in the creation or retention of full-time permanent jobs. Examples include the purchase/upgrade of machinery and equipment (and rolling stock), purchase/construct /improve owner-occupied real estate, increase inventory, acquire assets of an existing NYS business, provide expansion working capital (for R&amp;D, hiring/training employees) or other expansion purposes.</li> <li>▪ A Borrower must demonstrate a need for LDP assistance and cannot already be fully committed to the project prior to applying for LDP assistance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>For More Information</b></p>	<p>Visit <a href="http://www.esd.ny.gov/BusinessPrograms/LinkedDeposit.html">http://www.esd.ny.gov/BusinessPrograms/LinkedDeposit.html</a> for the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Linked Deposit Application</li> <li>▪ FAQs</li> <li>▪ List of Participating Lenders</li> <li>▪ LDP Annual Reports</li> </ul> <p>Or contact the LDP office at (518) 292-5261 or <a href="mailto:linkeddeposit@esd.ny.gov">linkeddeposit@esd.ny.gov</a></p>