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The Federal Reserve's Main Street Lending Program

Business loans to help eligible small and medium-sized for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Main Street Lending Program has ceased purchasing participations in eligible loans.

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What it is

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The program was designed to help credit flow to small and medium-sized for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that were in sound financial condition before the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, but needed loans to help maintain their operations until they recovered from, or adapted to, the impacts of the pandemic.

Loans originated under the program had several features that will help borrowers facing challenges. The program offered 5-year loans, with floating rates, and principal and interest payments deferred as indicated in the charts below to assist those experiencing temporary cash flow interruptions.

To support a broad set of employers, loan size started at \$100,000 and ranged up to \$300 million for some loan types.



What it isn't

Main Street loans are not grants and cannot be forgiven.

How it works

To assist a broad range of borrowers, the program offered three different for-profit business loan types, and two types of loans for nonprofits, each with somewhat different characteristics – as indicated in the charts. Refer to the diagram at the end of the document for a schematic on how the program worked.

	Characteristics of Main Street For-Profit Business Loan Types			
	New Loan Facility	Priority Loan Facility	Expanded Loan Fa	
Loan Term	5 years			acy - Terms

Principal Payments	Public Service That Makes a Difference® Principal deferred for two years. Years 3-5: 15%, 15%, 70%			
Interest Payments	Deferred for one year			
Interest Rate	LIBOR + 3%			
Loan Size	\$100,000 to \$35 million	\$100,000 to \$50 million	\$10 million to \$300 million	
Maximum Combined Debt to Adjusted 2019 EBITDA	4 times	6 times	6 times	
Lender Participation Rate	5%			
Fed Participation Rate	95%			
Prepayment Allowed	Yes, without penalty			
Business Size Limits	15,000 employees or fewer, or 2019 revenues of \$5 billion or less			
Fees	Origination and transaction fees may apply			

	Characteristics of Main Street Nonprofit Organization Loan Types				
	Nonprofit New Loans	Nonprofit Expanded Loans			
Loan Term	5 years				
Minimum Loan Size	\$100,000 \$10 million				
Endowment Cap	\$3 billion				
Years in Operation	At least 5 years				
Eligibility Criteria (See Term Sheets for More Detail)	 Minimum employees 10 Total non-donation revenues equal to or greater than 60% of expenses for the period from 2017 through 2019 2019 operating margin of 2% or more Current days cash on hand 60 days Current debt repayment capacity—ratio of cash, investments and other resources to outstanding debt and certain other liabilities—of greater than 55% 				
Maximum Loan Size	The lesser of \$35 million, or the borrower's average 2019 quarterly revenue	The lesser of \$300 million, or the borrower's average 2019 quarterly revenue			
Risk Retention	5%				
Principal Repayment	Principal deferred for two years; years 3-5: 15%, 15%, 70%				
Interest Payments	Deferred for one year				
Interest Rate	LIBOR + 3%				

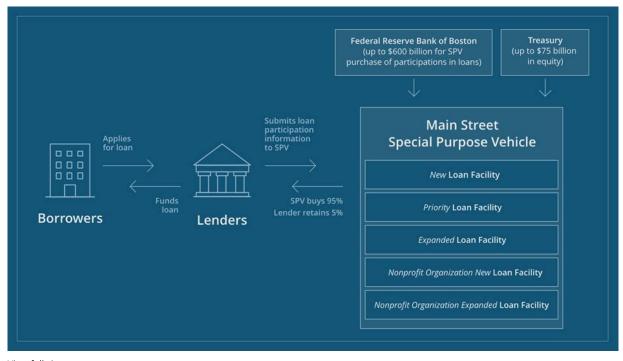
Other resources

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The Main Street program aimed to assist entities that employ a major share of the American workforce. For smaller businesses, it may be useful to consult the Small Business Administration's Coronavirus Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources (https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources) and the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund - Tools and Resources (https://www.cdfifund.gov/page/tools-resources.aspx), which has a list of current certified CDFIs, many of which make loans to small businesses and provide technical assistance.*

Administration

The Main Street Lending Program is administered by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, which established a special purpose vehicle to purchase loan participations from eligible lenders across the U.S.



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