
FANNIN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Gap Financing Program

Bridging the gap for capital investment and economic success.

The Fannin County Development Authority (FCDA) has made loan funds available to existing for-profit businesses to assist with capital investment and/or expansion. Based on the availability of funds, a max amount of \$40,000 or 80% of total project cost can be loaned, whichever is less. Requests below \$10,000 are not accepted. Terms and conditions are based on project specifics, and will be determined by the Development Authority board. The Gap Financing Program does not compete with local lenders, and is solely used as bridge financing after primary funding is in place. To request an application, please contact the Fannin County Development Authority office at 706-632-4450.

Eligible uses for loan proceeds are but not limited to:

- Short-term working capital to purchase inventory.
- Purchase equipment, machinery, furniture, fixtures, supplies or materials.
- Short-term working capital needs, including seasonal financing, contract performance, construction financing and exporting.
- Facility renovation.
- Existing business expansion.

Ineligible uses of loan proceeds are but not limited to:

- Refinancing of existing debt where lender is in a position to sustain a loss.
- To affect a partial change of business ownership, or a change that will not benefit the business.
- To repay delinquent state or federal withholding taxes, or other funds that should be held in trust or escrow.
- Administrative costs and/or salaries.
- Travel expenses.
- Hospitality or special events.
- For a purpose that is not considered to be a sound business purpose as determined by FCDA.

Loans are evaluated based on a project's:

- Financial viability – the borrower's ability to repay in accordance with a defined repayment plan.
- Sufficiency of collateral.
- Overall soundness of proposal.
- Job creation.