



## The Virginia Small Business Environmental Compliance Assistance Fund

The *Virginia Small Business Environmental Compliance Assistance Fund* (ECAAF) is designed to provide Virginia businesses with financing for the purchase of 1) equipment to comply with the federal Clean Air Act, 2) equipment to implement voluntary pollution prevention measures, or 3) equipment or structures to implement voluntary agricultural best management practices (BMPs).

<p><b><u>Eligible Borrowers:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small business as defined in §10.1-1197.1 of the Code of Virginia; e.g. the business employs 100 people or less; and is a small business concern as defined in the federal Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. § 631 et seq), as amended.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Eligible Project:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project must be certified as eligible by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for air quality or pollution prevention projects, or by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs).</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Amounts:</u></b> Up to \$100,000</p> <p><b><u>Maximum Term:</u></b> Loans will be amortized to match the borrower's ability to repay the loan and/or to coincide with the useful life of the machinery and equipment being purchased or the life of the agricultural BMP being installed, but shall not exceed 10 years.</p> <p><b><u>Fees:</u></b> Application fee of \$30.00</p> <p><b><u>Interest Rate:</u></b> 3% Fixed</p>
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Some examples of eligible loan uses under the *Small Business Environmental Compliance Assistance Fund*, include:

- High-volume, low-pressure spray guns.
- Dry cleaning machines.
- Alternative curing technologies.
- Ultrasonic cleaning equipment to replace solvent systems.
- Agricultural BMPs that include equipment or structures such as animal waste control facilities and animal waste structure pumping equipment.

Loans **may not** be used to:

- Comply with an enforcement action by DEQ, the State Air Pollution Control Board, the State Water Control Board, the Virginia Waste Management Board, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Purchase equipment for underground or above ground storage tank replacement/compliance.
- Finance a start-up business.
- Refinance equipment already on site.
- Use as working capital.

### Contact Information:

For program-related questions, please call Department of Business Assistance – **1-866-248-8814**.  
For questions/issues relating to the project and its environmental impact, please call **Richard Rasmussen** –  
Department of Environmental Quality – **804 - 698 - 4394**.

