

# SBA COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE PROGRAM TIMELINE 2011 – 2025

## 2011

**February 2011:** SBA established the Community Advantage (CA) Loan Guarantee as a 3-year pilot designed to increase SBA-backed lending to underserved markets by granting experienced non-bank lenders (CDCs, SBA Microlenders, CDFIs) SBA guarantee authority for approved loans of \$250,000 or less. **Effective: 2/15/11**  
**See: 76 FR 9626**

**September 2011:** SBA released the first *CA Participant Guide* and modified the pilot to permit CA Lenders to sell loans on the secondary market. **Effective 8/12/11. See: 76 FR 56262**

## 2012

**February 2012:** SBA raised the cap on the interest rate a CA Lender could charge a borrower from a max of prime +4 to a max of prime + 6%. SBA also modified several CA Pilot rules, including allowing CA Lenders to contract with Loan Service Providers (LSPs) **See: 77 FR 6619**

**November 2012:** SBA extended the CA pilot for 3 additional years, through March 31, 2017. SBA also modified several CA pilot rules including reducing the loan loss reserve (LLR) a CA lender was required to maintain. Effective 11/9/12. **See 77 FR 67433**

## 2014

**October 23, 2014:** SBA issued a Notice titled “Streamlining CA Pilot Program” that more closely aligned CA loan procedures with 7(a) including around credit underwriting and closing. Other modifications include expanding CA “underserved markets” to include Promise Zones and Veteran-owned businesses. **See SBA Policy Notice 5000-1324**

## 2015

**December 2015:** SBA extended the CA pilot for 3 additional years, through March 31, 2020. SBA also modified several CA rules including changes to CA delegated authority. Effective 12/28/15. **See: 80 FR 80872**

## 2018

**September 2018:** SBA extended the CA pilot for 2 and a half additional years, through September 30, 2022. The Notice also placed a moratorium on accepting new CA Lender applications, and expands the SBA’s definition of “underserved markets” to include Opportunity Zones and Rural areas. . Effective 10/1/18. **See 83 FR 46237**

## 2022

**April 1, 2022:** SBA issues a **Federal Register Notices** extending the CA pilot to 09/30/24 and lifting the moratorium on accepting new CA Lender applications, effective 4/1/22. **See: Docket No. SBA–2022–0002**

**April 29, 2022:** SBA published a Federal Register Notice with major modifications to the CA Pilot Program including increasing max loan size to \$350k, max interest rates, changes to collateral for loans \$50k or less and over \$50k, access to RLOC, changes to Hazard Insurance requirements and Affiliation Rules. New CA Participant Guide will be issued, version 7.0 and effective 5/31/22. **See: 87 FR 25398 Docket No. SBA–2022–0003**

**June 2022:** SBA issued a final rule intended to “streamline and modernize” SBA lending programs including 7(a), CA 7(a), 504, and Microloans. To encourage more small dollar lending by 7(a) lenders, the new SBA rules allow conventional 7(a) lenders to charge higher rates on small dollar loans with no requirements to assist underserved small businesses. Under the new rule, the same interest rate caps apply to conventional 7(a) lenders and CA lenders. Effective 8/1/22. **See 87 FR 38900**

**November 2022:** SBA issued a **proposed rule for comment** seeking to lift the 30-year moratorium on licensing new 7(a) SBLCs and proposing a new type of entity called a “Mission-Based SBLC. The SBA also proposed eliminating the Loan Authorization requirement for SBA lenders. **See: 87 FR 66963**

## 2023

**April 2023:** SBA issued a **final rule** lifting the moratorium on licensing new Small Business Lending Companies (SBLCs) and created a new type of SBLC: *The Community Advantage SBLC. and confirmed that the CA pilot would sunset on September 30, 2024.* The SBA also removed the required Loan Authorization for 7(a) and 504 Loan Programs among other changes. Effective 5/12/23. **See 88 FR 21890**

**May 1, 2023:** SBA issued Information Notice (IN) announcing its plan to convert CA pilot lenders into CA SBLCs. SBA also announced its intent to sunset the CA pilot on September 30, 2023. **See IN 5000–846918**

**May 9, 2023:** SBA issued a Procedural Notice announcing the removal of the SBA Loan Authorization requirement. Instead of a separate Loan Authorization document, the SBA will now rely on the terms and conditions submitted by lenders via the E-Tran system. **See: 5000–846991 effective 5/12/23**

**May 22, 2023:** A Notice was issued announcing that SBA was accepting applications on 06/01/23 from entities seeking a new SBLC licenses. A max of 3 SBLC licenses would be awarded by Fall 2023. Organizations interested in becoming a CA SBLC were instructed to apply for CA lender status before the CA pilot sunset – since all CA lenders would be grandfathered into the CA SBLC program. **See: 88 FR 32623**

**October 2023:** SBA issued a notice extending the CA Pilot for one-month, to October 31, 2023. **See 88 FR 69003**

**December 2023:** SBA issued an Information Notice announcing new extending the CA Pilot for one-month, to October 31, 2023. See **88 FR 69003**

**December 2023:** SBA issued an Information Notice announcing renewals, updates and new forms including SBA Form 3518, Community Advantage Addendum –7(a) CA SBLC and eliminated Form 2449, CA Addendum for the 7(a) Pilot Program after the Pilot sunset on 10/31/23. Effective 12/26/23: **See SBA Information Notice 5000–852422**

## 2024

**April 2024:** SBA issues Final Rule to amend regs on SBA business loan programs, 7(a), 504, Micro, ILP, to improve equitable access based on criminal background reviews of applicants Effective 5/30/24 **See: 2024–09009 89 FR 34094**

**July 22, 2024:** SBA issues a Press release announcing a new Green Lender Initiative to advance clean energy transition across the US Green Lending Program **See: Archived News Release 24–56**

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**July 2024:** SBA issued an Information Notice announcing the FY2025 7(a) Fees effective October 1, 2024. CA Lender Max Loan Size: \$350,000 and no Annual Service fees on gross loan amounts less than \$500,000, and not SBA Guaranty Fee on 7(a) loans less than \$1 Million. **See SBA Information Notice 5000–858936**

**August 9, 2024:** SBA issued Federal Register Notice 89 FR 65174 , announcing the opening of new applications for the CA SBLC application beginning September 2,, 2024–December 20, 2024. It also opens up the SBLC application from September 2, 2024–October 15, 2024. **See SBA Federal Register Notice 89 FR 65174**

**December 6, 2024:** SBA issued Procedural Notice extending temporary procedural guidance previously published via SBA Procedural Notice and to announce procedural updates to SOP 50 10 7.1, This Procedural Notice supersedes any conflicts between this notice and the ones that are being extended. **See SBA Procedural Notice 5000– 862692**

**December 19, 2024:** SBA issued an Information Notice announcing the Office of Credit Risk Management (OCRM) is initiating a process to enable qualifying CA lenders to (1) make loans up to \$500k and to (2) to apply to SBA for expansion of 7(a) lending territory. **See SBA Information Notice 5000–860909**

### 2025

**January 2025:** SBA released a Procedural Notice with additional detail regarding what would be required of a CA SBLC seeking to make loans larger than \$350,000. **See: Procedural Notice 5000–864101**

**March 7, 2025:** SBA released a Policy Notice which complies with Executive Order 14159, requiring U.S. citizenship to obtain SBA 7(a) and 504 loans and some additional detail regarding what would be required of a CA SBLC seeking to make loans larger than \$350,000. **See: Policy Notice 5000–865754**

**March 14, 2025:** SBA released a Procedural Notice to advise SBA Employees and 7(a) Community Advantage Small Business Lending Companies (CA SBLCs) that effective immediately SBA is rescinding SBA Procedural Notice 5000–864101 regarding the expansion of 7(a) loan ceiling for CA SBLCs above \$500,000 and up to \$2,000,000 and the application process for requesting authority to make 7(a) loans up to the expanded amounts. **See Procedural Notice 5000–865355**

**March 19, 2025:** SBA released an Information Notice updating SBA Form 1919 to comply with Executive Order 14168 **See Information Notice 5000–865585**

**March 24, 2025:** SBA released an Information Notice revising 7(a) Fees Payable for Fiscal Year 2025 This Notice supersedes Information Notice 5000–858936. **See Information Notice 5000–865775**

**March 26 2025:** SBA released a Procedural Notice requiring lenders to enter the date of birth for all owners of an applicant business into E-Tran. **See Procedural Notice 5000–866498**

**April 15, 2025:** SBA released a Procedural Notice revising SOP 5057 3.1 for SBA Processing of Lender Guaranty Purchase requests and certain servicing actions. **See Procedural Notice 5000–866946**

**April 21, 2025:** SBA released an Information Notice, Issuance of SOP 50 10 8 effective June 1, 2025 reversing many of the prior administration’s changes to the 7(a) and 504 programs. **See Information Notice 5000–866746**

**May 5, 2025:** SBA released a Policy Notice that reiterated CA SBLC requirements and added a new Capital Requirement effective May 15<sup>th</sup>, i. every CA SBLC must maintain, at a minimum, unencumbered paid-in-capital and paid-in surplus of at least \$375,000, or 10 Percent of the aggregate of its share of all outstanding loans, whichever is greater; and ii. Beginning May 15, 2026, every CA SBLC must maintain, at a minimum, unencumbered paid-in-capital and paid-in surplus of at least \$750,000, or 10 Percent of the aggregate of its share of all outstanding loans, whichever is greater. **See Policy Notice 5000–868068**

**May 28, 2025:** SBA released an Information Notice, Issuance of SOP 50 10 8 with Technical Updates effective June 1, 2025 and issuing another set of technical changes to SOP 50 10 8 replacing the version release on April 21, 2025. **See Information Notice 5000–866746 [this Information Notice has the same Control # as the April 21<sup>st</sup> Information Notice]**

**May 28, 2025:** SBA released a newer version of [SOP 50 10 8 with Technical Updates](#) and a Tracked Changes Version found on the [SBA website, Box.com](#). The new SOP edition remains effective for June 1, 2025