

A composite image showing a white-water rapids on the left and a bottle of Humm Kombucha on the right. The bottle is blue with white and green text, labeled "humm blueberry mint kombucha".

BUSINESS FINANCE

Credit Enhancement Fund

Improving Capital Availability for Small Businesses

The Oregon Credit Enhancement Fund (CEF) is a loan insurance program available to eligible banks and credit unions to assist businesses in obtaining access to capital. The fund insures the repayment of loans made by lenders that provide working capital or fixed-asset financing to businesses.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Humm Kombucha Expands Distribution to 50 states

Humm Kombucha undertook a large-scale, \$1.5M expansion project to create jobs and increase production capacity. As a result, the company will expand into all 50 states and into some of the nation's largest retailers.

Columbia Phytotechnology Expands Capacity and Creates Jobs

Columbia Phytotechnology is a food manufacturer utilizing innovative, proprietary dehydration technology to grow and expand in The Dalles. Recruited to Oregon in 2012, the company has since embarked on a \$6M expansion project to purchase and install equipment necessary to increase production capacity and create an additional 25 jobs.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS:

The program is available for most businesses. The guarantees can be used to insure term loans for the purchase of fixed assets and or lines of credit for working capital needs. There is an enrollment fee typically between 1.25% and 3.5% of the insured amount based on the term and type of credit facility.

It is typically up to 75% of the loan amount for term loans with a maximum insurance exposure of up to \$2,000,000, and a maximum term that does not exceed the useful life of assets securing the loan or a maximum term of 15 years. Typically, up to 75% of the loan for revolving lines of credit with a maximum insurance exposure of \$1,500,000, and a maximum initial term of one year for operating lines of credit.

Business Oregon, the economic development agency for the state of Oregon, is dedicated to helping Oregon businesses gain access to capital. We focus first on "Growing Our Own" by supporting the retention and expansion of existing Oregon businesses and fostering a dynamic startup and entrepreneurial environment.



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