



California Business Investment Guide

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Overview

California's economy continues to show sustainable resilience, powered by a diverse landscape that drives innovation and opportunity. Through the Jobs First Initiative, the state is advancing strategic goals that expand high-quality jobs, strengthen regional economies, and ensure communities benefit from sustainable, inclusive economic growth.

As California progresses, GO-Biz remains committed to providing timely support to the business and economic development community by helping to identify resources, championing innovation, and pursue job-creating opportunities.

This guide is designed to help businesses and for-profit entities navigate and identify both new and existing state funding resources that can support their success.

About GO-Biz

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) serves as California's single point of contact for business, economic development, and job creation efforts.

GO-Biz offers a range of services to business owners including attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, small business assistance, and international trade development.

GO-Biz Ecosystem

Business Investment Services

California Competes Tax Credit

California Film Commission

California Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank

California Office of the Small Business Advocate

Community and Local Equity Grants

Energy and Climate

Grant and Contract Administration

International Affairs and Trade

Innovation and Emerging Technologies

Office of Regional Economic Development Initiatives

Office of Zero Emission Vehicle Market Development

Visit California

Business Investment Services (CalBIS)

CalBIS is a tri-team unit that provides comprehensive support combining statewide strategy, regional engagement, and permitting guidance to help businesses launch, grow and thrive in California. The close collaboration between the tri-team unit delivers a seamless, unified experience that helps businesses hit the ground running in California.

Programs & Outreach

The Programs & Outreach team focuses on statewide business development programs and initiatives. They process utility Economic Development Rate and Employment Training Panel's Critical Proposal Designation requests. Additionally, the team leads cross-regional site selection searches for companies and provides incentive overviews. The team also works on statewide outreach and marketing initiatives. Finally, they work to improve the state's service offerings and programs to position the state strategically attracting investments to California.

Regional Business Development

The Regional Business Development team serves as business development stewards for regional partners and businesses. Located in regions throughout the state, they support business attraction, retention and growth efforts with site selection and incentive navigation, along with other supportive services. They also provide a voice for the state during meetings and presentations to help usher businesses and partners to eligible support services with networks of partners spanning industries.

Office of Permit Assistance

The Office of Permit Assistance guide businesses through complex permitting processes, promoting coordinated and more efficient permitting across the state.

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Business Incentives List

Business Development & Business Support

Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
California Competes Tax Credit	State: GO-Biz	State Income Tax Credit	Qualified Businesses	\$819,843,124	No more than 20% may go to one applicant per fiscal year	January 4 - January 25, 2027 (\$250M) and March 1- March 15, 2027 (\$219.8M + any remaining amounts)	calcompetes@gobiz.ca.gov
California Clean Hydrogen Program	State: CEC	State Grant	Eligible projects for the demonstration or scale-up of the production, processing, delivery, storage, or end use of clean hydrogen	TBD	TBD	Ongoing	erdd@energy.ca.gov
Industrial Decarbonization and Improvement of Grid Operations (INDIGO)	State: CEC	State Grant	Industrial Facility Projects	N/A	TBD	N/A	erdd@energy.ca.gov
Carbon Removal Innovation Support Program (CRISP)	State:CEC	State Grant	Direct Air Capture Projects	TBD	TBD	TBD	erdd@energy.ca.gov
California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) Fast Charge California Project Window 2	State:CEC	Rebate	Incentives for purchasing and installing eligible direct current fast chargers, sites must be available to the public	\$55,000,000	Up to \$100,000 per charging port	October 7, 2026 - January 14, 2027	calevip@energycenter.org

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California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) Fast Charge California Project Window 3	State: CEC	Rebate	Incentives for purchasing and installing eligible direct current fast chargers. Sites must be available to the public	\$55,000,000	Up to \$55,000 per charging port	February 24, 2027 - May 27, 2027	calevip@energycenter.org
California National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Programs	State: CEC	State Grant	Varies by Solicitation	\$383,000,000	Varies by Solicitation	Ongoing	ftd@energy.ca.gov
California State Trade Expansion Program (STEP)	State: GO-Biz	State Export Assistance	Qualified Export Businesses	N/A	Reimbursement for export promotion expenses up to \$10,000	Deadline: April 30, 2027	step@gobiz.ca.gov
Capital Investment Incentive Program (CIIP)	Local Government	Property Tax Rebate	Qualified Manufacturing Businesses	Based on assessment	Varies	Ongoing	calbis@gobiz.ca.gov
Clean Transportation Program	State: CEC	Property Tax Rebate	Varies by Funding	\$100,000,000 annually	Varies by program	Varies by fiscal year	ftd@energy.ca.gov

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Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)	State: CEC	State Grant	Varies by Funding	\$130,000,000 annually	Varies by program	Ongoing	erdd@energy.ca.gov
Film & TV Soundstage Tax Credit	State: GO-Biz and CFC	State Tax Credit	Qualified Projects	\$150,000,000 one time	\$21,000,000 per project or \$1,300,000 per episode of a season of television series, inclusive of all uplifts	First come, first served	soundstageincentive@film.ca.gov
Film & TV Tax Credit 4.0	State: GO-Biz and CFC	State Tax Credit	Eligible Productions	\$750,000,000 annually	Varies by applicant type	Deadline: June 30, 2027	incentiveprogram4@film.ca.gov
Business and Workforce Development Grants	State: CAL FIRE	State Grant	Qualified Businesses/Training Entities	Varies by Solicitation	\$10,000 - \$3,000,000	Varies, typically Spring and Fall	woodproducts@fire.ca.gov
California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)	State: CAL FIRE	Cost Share	Qualified Land Owners	Up to \$2,000,000 per period	Varies	Solicitation periods close the following dates: January 2, April 1 and October 1	cfip@fire.ca.gov

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Opportunity Zones 2.0	Federal Government	Federal Tax Incentive	Place Based Investment	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Contact Page
Research & Development Tax Credit (R&D)	State: FTB	State Income Tax Credit	Qualified Research	Varies	Varies	Each taxable year	Contact Page
Recycling Market Development Revolving Loan Program	State: Cal Recycle	Loan	California based Recycling Businesses - Private, For Profit Entities, Nonprofit Organizations (except Private Schools), Local Government Entities	TBD	Varies	Ongoing	bzassist@calrecycle.ca.gov
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Revolving Loan Program	State: Cal Recycle	Loan	California based Recycling Businesses - Private, For Profit Entities, Nonprofit Organizations (except Private Schools), Local Government Entities	\$5,500,000	\$2,000,000 or 75% of total project cost, whichever is less	Ongoing	bzassist@calrecycle.ca.gov
Tire Equipment Loan Program	State: Cal Recycle	Loan	California based Recycling Businesses - Private, For Profit Entities, Nonprofit Organizations (except Private Schools), Local Government Entities	\$1,000,000 annually	Varies	Ongoing	bzassist@calrecycle.ca.gov

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Beverage Container Recycling Loan Program	State: Cal Recycle	Loan	California based Recycling Businesses - Private, For Profit Entities, Nonprofit Organizations (except Private Schools), Local Government Entities	\$30,000,000	Varies	Ongoing	bzassist@calrecycle.ca.gov
Recycling Grants	State: Cal Recycle	Grants	Qualified Businesses	Varies	Varies	Ongoing	grants@calrecycle.ca.gov

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Employment & Workforce

Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
Employment Training Panel (ETP)	State: ETP	Training Reimbursement	Qualified Businesses	Varies	\$600,000 or \$850,00 (Critical Proposal Designation)	Ongoing	connect@etp.ca.gov
Fidelity Bonding	State: EDD	Business Insurance	Qualified Employers	N/A	\$5,000 - \$15,000 per employee	N/A	wsbbonding@edd.ca.gov
Homeless Hiring Tax Credit	State: FTB	State Income Tax Credit	Qualified Businesses	\$2,500 - \$10,000 per hire	\$30,000,000 credit annually	Each taxable year	ftbhhtc@ftb.ca.gov
Joint Venture Program	State: CAL PIA	Multiple	Qualified Employers	Varies	Tax Credit=10% of wages	Ongoing	Contact Page
New Employment Tax Credit for Semiconductor, Electric Airplane, Lithium Production, and Lithium Battery Manufacturing	State: FTB	State Income Tax Credit	Qualified Businesses	N/A	Varies	Each taxable year	gedi@ftb.ca.gov
Work Sharing	State: EDD	Layoff and UI Alternative	Eligible Employers	Based on Employer UI	Based on Unemployment Insurance	Ongoing	Contact Page

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Equipment & Machinery

Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
Carl Moyer On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicle Voucher Incentive Program	State & Local: CARB	Grant	Qualified Businesses	Varies	Varies	Ongoing	moyerhelp@arb.ca.gov
Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher	State: CARB	Point-of-Sale Discount	Off-Road Equipment Users	Varies	Varies by equipment	Reopens Fall 2026	core@arb.ca.gov
Farmer Program	State & Local: CARB	State Grant	Agriculture Business	N/A	Varies	Ongoing	farmer@arb.ca.gov
F-Gas Emission Reduction Incentive	State: CARB	State Grant	Retail Food Facilities	\$38,500,000	Up to \$500,000	TBD	frip@arb.ca.gov
Sales and Use Tax Exclusion Program (STE) (CAEATFA)	State: STO-CAEATFA	Sales Tax Exclusion Program	Qualified Purchasers	TBD	TBD	TBD	jeannie.yu@treasurer.ca.gov
Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP)	State: CARB	Point-of-Sale Discount	Qualified Vehicle Purchasers	Varies	Varies	Varies	info@californiahvip.org
Partial Sales & Use Tax Exemption Farm Equipment and Machinery	State: CDTFA	Sales Tax Exemption	Qualified Purchasers	State exemption of 5%	N/A	Ongoing	Contact Page

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Partial Sales & Use Tax Exemption Diesel Fuel	State: CDTFA	Sales Tax Exemption	Qualified Purchasers	State exemption of 5%	N/A	Ongoing	Contact Page
Partial Sales & Use Tax Exemption Manufacturing & Research & Development	State: CDTFA	Sales Tax Exemption	Qualified Purchasers	State exemption of 3.9375%	\$200,000,000 per year	Ongoing	Contact Page
Partial Sales & Use Tax Exemption Teleproduction	State: CDTFA	Sales Tax Exemption	Qualified Purchasers	State exemption of 5%	N/A	Ongoing	Contact Page
Partial Sales & Use Tax Exemption Timber Harvest	State: CDTFA	Sales Tax Exemption	Qualified Purchasers	State exemption of 5%	N/A	Ongoing	Contact Page

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Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
CalCAP ADA Retrofits	State: STO-CPCFA	Credit Enhancement for Lending to Small Businesses	Loans to Small Businesses of 30 Employees or Annual Income of less than \$5,000,000 for ADA accessibility improvements to a facility of 10,000 square feet or less	N/A	Loan loss reserve credit enhancement to participating lender for loan up to \$50,000	Ongoing	calcap@treasurer.ca.gov
CalCAP Collateral Support (CalCAP CS)	State: STO-CPCFA	Credit Enhancement for Lending to Small Businesses and Non-Profits	Term loans, Interim Loans, or Lines of Credit to Small Businesses or Non Profit up to 750 employees. Loan purposes include Working Capital Inventory, Equipment, Business Expansion, Commercial Real Estate, and other Eligible Business purposes	N/A	Collateral support credit enhancement to participating lender for lending from \$25,000 to \$20,000,000	Ongoing	calcap@treasurer.ca.gov
CalCAP Seismic Safety (CalCAP Seismic)	State: STO-CPCFA	Credit Enhancement for Lending to Property Owners	Loans to Business and Residential Property Owener with Eligible Seismic Upgrade Projects	N/A	Loan loss reserve credit enhancement to participating lender for loan to property owner for up to \$250,000	Ongoing	calcap@treasurer.ca.gov

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Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
CalCAP for Small Business (CalCAP SB)	State: STO-CPCFA	Credit Enhancement for Lending to Small Businesses and Non-Profits	Loans or lines of credit made to Small Businesses or Non-Profits with up to 500 employees. Loan purposes include working capital, inventory, equipment, business, expansion, commercial, real estate, and other eligible business purposes	N/A	Loan loss reserve credit enhancement to participating lender for lending up to \$5,000,000	Ongoing	calcap@treasurer.ca.gov
CalCAP Zero-Emission Heavy-Duty Program	State: STO-CPCFA	Credit Enhancement for Zero-Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Financing for Small Businesses and Non-Profits	Loans or leases made to Owner-Operators, Small Fleets, and certain larger fleets for zero-emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles supporting infrastructure, and related eligible costs	N/A	Loan loss reserve credit enhancement to participating lender for loan or lease	Ongoing	calcap@treasurer.ca.gov
CalCAP Loan Participation Program	State: STO-CPCFA	Credit Enhancement for Lending to Small Businesses with Contracts	Lines of credit, interim loans, and term loans made to small businesses with up to 750 employees, financing will support small business ability to carry out public or private contract and can include working capital equipment, business expansion, contract performance, and commercial real estate, and other eligible business purposes	N/A	Participating in lending from \$100,000 to \$20,000,000	Ongoing	calcap@treasurer.ca.gov

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Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
California Investment and Innovation (CAL IIP)	State: STO-CPCFA	Grants to community development financial institutions	Grants to CDFI fund-certified community development financial institutions that serve California and provide financial products and services to underserved communities	Subject to state appropriations and available funding	Grant award amounts vary by funding cycle, available funding, and number of eligible applicants	Ongoing	caliip@treasurer.ca.gov
California Sustainable Energy Entrepreneur Development Funding (CALSEED)	State: CEC	State Grant	Clean energy start-ups	Varies by Fiscal Year	\$700,000	Ongoing	info@calseed.fund
Climate Catalyst Program	State: IBank	Loan Guarantee	Based on type	Varies	\$40,000,000	Not accepting new applications	climatefinancing@ibank.ca.gov
Climate Tech Finance	State: GO-Biz and IBank	Loan Guarantee	Qualifying businesses with up to 750 employees	N/A	\$5,000,000 maximum guarantee amount / \$20,000,000 maximum loan amount	Ongoing	ctf@baaqmd.gov
Cleanup & Brownfield Assistance	State: DTSC	State Loan or Grant	Qualified projects	Varies	Varies	Ongoing	maryam.tasnif-abbasi@dtsc.ca.gov

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Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bond and Industrial Development Bond Financing Program (Tax-Exempt Bond)	State: STO-CPCFA	Tax-Exempt Conduit Bond Financing	Businesses of any size, non-profits, and public-private partnerships with eligible recycling, solid waste, water supply, wastewater, carbon dioxide capture, or certain industrial development projects	N/A	Amount of bond issuance based on project eligibility and allocation availability	Ongoing	cpcfabond@treasurer.ca.gov
Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee	State: GO-Biz and IBank	Loan Guarantee	Business in disaster area	N/A	\$1,000,000 maximum guarantee/\$1,250,000 maximum loan amount	Ongoing	sbfc-programs@ibank.ca.gov
Exempt Facility Bonds	State: GO-Biz and IBank	Tax Exempt/Taxable Bonds	Airports, spaceports, mass commuting facilities, high-speed intercity rail facilities and more	N/A	No Ceiling	Ongoing	bondunit@ibank.ca.gov
Expanding Venture Capital Access Program	State: GO-Biz and IBank	Venture Capital Funding	VC funds and businesses	\$250,000,000	\$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 per venture fund. \$2,5000,000 per early stage business	Ongoing	vc@ibank.ca.gov
Farm Loans	State: GO-Biz and IBank	State Loan	Agriculture businesses	N/A	\$1,825,000	Ongoing	sbfc-programs@ibank.ca.gov

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Industrial Development Bonds and Manufacturing Bonds	State: GO-Biz and IBank	Tax Exempt/Taxable Bonds	Businesses with qualifying projects	N/A	\$10,000,000	Ongoing	fariba.khoie@ibank.ca.gov
Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Program (ISRF Loan Program)	State: IBank	Direct Loans	Local government (City, County, Districts, Water Districts, etc.)	N/A	\$65,000,000 maximum per loan	Ongoing	infrastructure@ibank.ca.gov
Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Loan Program	State: Cal Recycle	Loan	California based recycling businesses		Varies	Ongoing	loans@calrecycle.ca.gov
501 (c) (3) Bonds	State: GO-Biz and IBank	Tax Exempt/ Taxable Bonds	Businesses with qualifying projects excluding housing	N/A	No ceiling	Ongoing	bondunit@ibank.ca.gov
Small Business Loan Guarantee	State: GO-Biz and IBank	Loan Guarantee	Qualified small businesses	N/A	\$5,000,000 maximum guarantee amount	Ongoing	sbfc-programs@ibank.ca.gov

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Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)	State: STO-CPCFA	Federal Funding Supporting Credit Enhancement and Loan Participation Programs	Financing provided through participating lenders to eligible California small businesses and non-profits, eligibility, financing limits, and permitted uses vary by the specific CPCFA program	N/A	Assistance and financing limits vary by program. See the individual CalCAP for small business, CalCAP collateral support, and CalCAP loan participation program information	Ongoing	ssbci@treasurer.ca.gov

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Power & Utilities

Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
San Diego Gas & Electric (SDGE) Economic Development Rate Program	State: CPUC	Utility Rate Discount	Businesses in SDGE territory	Varies based on remaining power allocation	12% discount up to five years	Ongoing	edr@sdge.com
Southern California Edison (SCE) Economic Development Rate	State: CPUC	Utility Rate Discount	Businesses in SCE territory	Varies based on remaining power allocation	12% discount over five years	Ongoing	economicdevelopment@sce.com
Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Economic Development Rate	State: CPUC	Utility Rate Discount	Businesses in PG&E territory	Varies based on remaining power allocation	12% to 20% discount over five years	Ongoing	economicdevelopment@pge.com

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Incentive Name	Administering Body	Type	Eligibility	Total Amount Available	Maximum Award	Timing	Contact Email
Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)	State: CPUC	Energy Storage System Rebate	Non-residential customers	Varies based on LADWP	\$150 - \$2000 kilowatt per hour rebate rate	Ongoing	sgip@ladwp.com
Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)	State: CPUC	Energy Storage System Rebate	Non-residential customers	Varies based on PG&E	\$150 - \$2000 kilowatt per hour rebate rate	Ongoing	selfgen@pge.com
Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)	State: CPUC	Energy Storage System Rebate	Non-residential customers	Varies based on SDG&E	\$150 - \$2000 kilowatt per hour rebate rate	Ongoing	sgip@energycenter.org
Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)	State: CPUC	Energy Storage System Rebate	Non-residential customers	Varies based on SCE	\$150 - \$2000 kilowatt per hour rebate rate	Ongoing	sgipgroup@sce.com
Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)	State: CPUC	Energy Storage System Rebate	Non-residential customers	Varies based on SoCalGas	\$150 - \$2000 kilowatt per hour rebate rate	Ongoing	selfgeneration@socalgas.com

Resources

California Competes Tax Credit

California Jobs First

California Grants Portal

California Office of the Small Business Advocate Business Incentives

California IBank Programs

GO-Biz Business Ready Sites Program

GO-Biz Regional Data Tool

GO-Biz Quantum California

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