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\$100,000 available to Pomona businesses

Pomona, Calif. – The city of Pomona has launched a financial assistance program for businesses seeking to expand within the city, providing up to \$100,000 for property acquisition, improvements, equipment and employees.

In partnership with AmPac Tri State CDC, the Pomona Community Development Loan Program will provide working capital at low interest rates (currently under 2 percent) to businesses purchasing owner-occupied commercial real estate, purchasing equipment, or making improvements on existing real estate.

Utilizing a \$1-million allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the program allows businesses in Pomona to borrow up to \$100,000 in working capital when it is packaged with an SBA 504 loan to complement fixed asset business expansion. The working capital may be used for moving expenses, inventory, hiring new employees or related working capital expenses.

The program is designed to promote economic development: For every \$35,000 loaned, a business must hire one employee over a two-year period, up to three employees for the maximum \$100,000 loan amount.

AmPac Tri State CDC has been contracted by the city of Pomona to market the loan program and package and service the working capital loans, in conjunction with the SBA 504 loans. SBA 504 loans are used to finance growing businesses in the process of

purchasing owner-occupied commercial real estate, new equipment, or making tenant improvements. The SBA 504 loan provides 90% financing, with 50% of the amount coming from a bank and 40% coming from the SBA through AmPac CDC. The borrower's down payment for most businesses is 10 percent. Several local banks are participating in the program; AmPac can assist with identifying a banking partner.

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