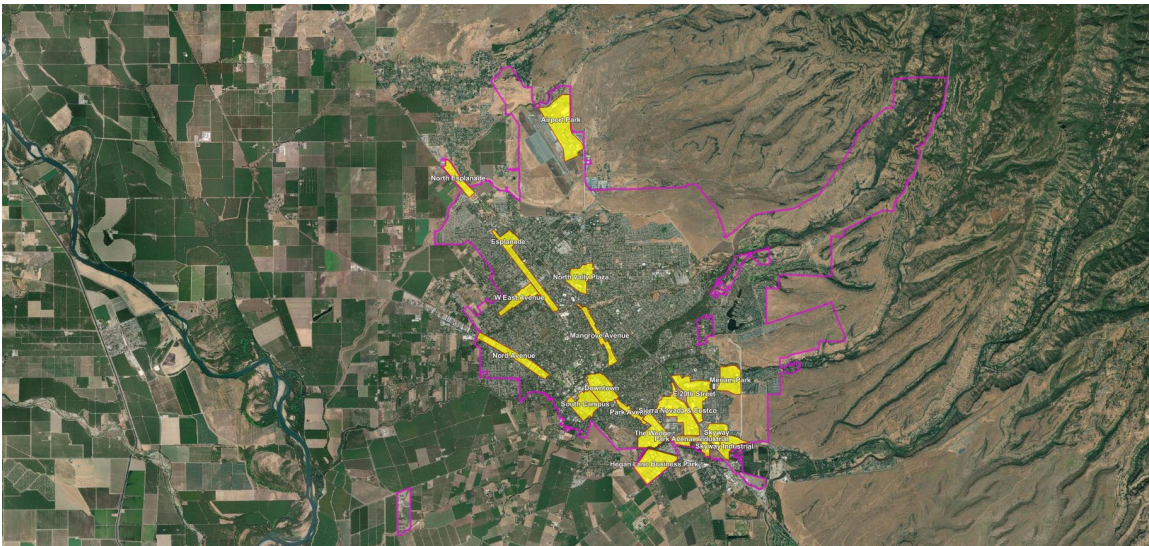




City of Chico

Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Loan Fact Sheet



Affordable Financing for Recycling-Based Businesses

The Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Loan Program, administered by CalRecycle, provides low-interest financing to eligible businesses that manufacture products using recovered materials, process recyclable materials, expand recycling infrastructure, or support California's circular economy.

The City of Chico works with businesses to identify opportunities, connect applicants with the RMDZ program, and provide local assistance throughout the site selection and development process.

What Types of Businesses May Qualify?

The RMDZ Loan Program supports projects that prevent waste, recover materials, manufacture recycled-content products, extend product life through repair and reuse, or create value from materials that might otherwise be disposed of. Eligible applicants include private for-profit businesses, nonprofit organizations (excluding private schools), and local government entities.

Examples include:

- Recycled-content manufacturing
- Organics processing
- Composting
- Wood waste recovery
- Construction & demolition material recovery
- Paper and cardboard recycling
- Plastics processing
- Repair and remanufacturing
- Circular economy businesses

What Can Loan Funds Be Used For?

Depending on project eligibility, financing may be available for:

- ✓ Manufacturing equipment
- ✓ Processing equipment
- ✓ Facility improvements
- ✓ Property acquisition
- ✓ Business expansion
- ✓ Permanent working capital (where eligible)
- ✓ Other eligible capital investments that support recycling market development

Loan applications are evaluated based on project eligibility, financial capacity, repayment ability, and other program requirements established by CalRecycle.

Why Consider Chico?

The City of Chico offers businesses more than financing.

Businesses locating or expanding in Chico may benefit from:

- Recycling Market Development Zone designation

- Available industrial land and manufacturing opportunities
- Highway 99 and Interstate 5 access
- Freight rail connectivity
- Skilled workforce
- California State University, Chico
- Butte College
- Local economic development assistance
- Site selection support
- Development coordination

The Chico Advantage

The City of Chico serves as your local partner throughout the business development process.

Our team can assist with:

- Identifying available sites
- Connecting businesses with RMDZ financing resources
- Navigating development requirements
- Coordinating local permitting
- Workforce and business resource referrals

Our goal is to help businesses successfully locate, expand, and invest in Chico.

How the Process Works

Step 1

Contact the City of Chico.

Step 2

Discuss your project, site needs, and financing opportunities.

Step 3

Determine RMDZ eligibility and project readiness.

Step 4

Coordinate with CalRecycle regarding the loan application process.

Step 5

Grow your business in Chico.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does my business need to be located in Chico?

Projects are generally expected to be located in California, and projects within a designated RMDZ receive program benefits. The City can help determine whether your project is an appropriate fit.

How much can I borrow?

Loan amounts, interest rates, and terms vary depending on project eligibility, financing needs, and CalRecycle's underwriting review. Current loan information is available through the CalRecycle RMDZ Loan Program.

What types of materials qualify?

Projects generally utilize California-generated recovered materials that support recycling, reuse, repair, composting, remanufacturing, or other circular economy activities. Specific eligibility requirements are established by CalRecycle.

Ready to Explore Your Project?

The City of Chico encourages businesses to contact our team before beginning the application process.

We can help you:

- ✓ Identify available industrial sites
- ✓ Understand financing opportunities
- ✓ Connect with local resources
- ✓ Navigate the development process
- ✓ Explore opportunities to grow your business in Chico

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