



## CalCAP/Seismic Safety Financing Program

The CalCAP/Seismic Safety Financing Program helps California small businesses and residential building owners in financing seismic safety retrofits to protect their property from damage in future earthquakes, by offering loss reserve protection to lenders that underwrite the costs of the property improvements.

- The program is modeled after the CalCAP for Small Business Program and administered by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (CPCFA).
- CPCFA was established in 1973 and is chaired by the California State Treasurer.

### Who Qualifies?

**California small businesses that meet the following criteria:**

- Employ 500 or fewer FTEs and own a qualified building for business operations.

**California residential property owners that meet the following criteria:**

- Own a qualified residential building or small businesses that own one or more qualified residential buildings, including multiunit housing buildings and registered mobile homes.

**California commercial property owners that meet the following criteria:**

- Own a qualified commercial building or small businesses that own one or more qualified commercial buildings.

### Eligible Uses of Loan Proceeds

- Costs related to seismic retrofit improvements on qualified residential and commercial buildings that are:
  - Located in California.
  - Identified by the local building code official for the jurisdiction in which the building is located as a building in need of seismic retrofitting and is either a building of a type that is potentially vulnerable in the event of a catastrophic earthquake or a building constructed before 1981.
  - Commercial buildings, single-family residences, multiunit housing buildings, multi-unit housing buildings with commercial space, mobile homes, manufactured homes or multifamily manufactured homes.

### How it Works

- Building owners obtain: (1) **identification from the local building code official** for the jurisdiction in which the building is located as a building in need of seismic retrofitting and is either a building of a type that is potentially vulnerable in the event of a catastrophic earthquake or a building constructed before 1981; (2) **cost estimate(s)**; and (3) **necessary permit(s)**.
- Building owners reach out to **participating lenders** for financing, based on the lender's own underwriting standards.
- Lenders and borrowers each deposit a fee between 2 and 3.5% of the total loan amount into the lender's CalCAP/ Seismic Safety loan loss reserve account.
- CPCFA contributes up to 4 times the amount of the lender's fee to the CalCAP/ Seismic Safety loss reserve account depending on the length of coverage of the loan. CPCFA contributes an additional amount up to 2 times the lender's fee for buildings located in economically distressed areas.
- Loans **up to \$250,000** can be enrolled for a maximum of **10 years**.

To learn more, please contact CalCAP Program Managers at (916) 654-5610 or [CalCAP@treasurer.ca.gov](mailto:CalCAP@treasurer.ca.gov)

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