

SBA 504 Loan Requests

I. Big Sky EDC is requesting approval to submit to the US Small Business Administration the following SBA 504 loan request. The Big Sky EDC Loan Committee has reviewed the requests and recommends approval to the full EDC Board for submission to the SBA for final approval. The requests meet all the underwriting and eligibility requirements of the EDC.

1. **Meadowlark Brewing LLC** – Purpose of this request is for an increase to the previously approved SBA 504 loan for Meadowlark Brewing LLC. Previous request was approved on September 9, 2021, in the amount of \$1,232,000. New SBA 504 debenture amount is \$1,251,000. Construction has been completed and brewery is open and operational. Increase due to a slight increase in construction costs from original approval. No other changes to the request. Projections continue to support the increased loan amount.

Original request (09/09/2021) – Purpose of the request is for the acquisition of land and new construction for Meadowlark Brewing LLC’s new brewery located in Billings, MT. This new brewery and tap room will be a second location for Meadowlark Brewery and will be their primary manufacturing and distribution facility. The brewery is under construction and located off Zoo Drive, just east of Zoo Montana. They currently have a location in Sidney, MT, which is where the brewery was started by Travis Peterson in 2014. Travis is 100% owner of the brewery. This new location will provide Meadowlark with expanded production, canning and distribution capabilities. They will continue to have the tap room in Sidney, but almost all production will be moved to this new location in Billings.

The total SBA debenture is estimated to be \$1,232,000 on a 25-year note comprising approximately 34% of the total project costs. Big Sky EDC and the SBA will be in a 2nd lien position on the real property behind Stockman Bank of Montana. There are projected to be 11 new jobs created as a result of this project. The project meets Community Development goals for business revitalization, new income to the community and assisting a small manufacturer.