

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE LOW-WEALTH AREAS | FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

This list is applicable to applications submitted to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 period only.

"Low Wealth" means a city and/or county within California with a poverty rate of at least 150% of the California statewide poverty rate per the most recently updated data available from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates thirty days prior to the first day of the applicable application period.

Cities

Alturas Dinuba Needles Anderson Dorris Orange Cove El Cajon Oroville Arcata El Centro Paradise Arvin Atwater * Etna Parlier Avenal Farmersville Portola Firebaugh Reedley Banning Barstow Fort Jones San Bernardino Bell Fowler San Joaquin Bell Gardens San Luis Obispo Fresno Blue Lake Grass Valley Selma Blythe Guadalupe Shafter Brawley Huron Sonora Calexico Isleton South El Monte California City Tulare Kerman Calipatria Tulelake King City Chico Lindsay Victorville Chowchilla * Loyalton Wasco Clearlake McFarland Weed Coalinga Madera Westmorland Corcoran Marysville Woodlake Crescent City Maywood Yreka Cudahy Mendota Yucca Valley

Counties

Davis

Butte County Imperial County Merced County
Fresno County Kern County Modoc County*
Humboldt County Madera County Trinity County

Merced

Montague

Desert Hot Springs

This data is sourced from the American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S1701, 2023

^{*} Added to list in 2025/2026