



CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE LOW-WEALTH AREAS | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

This list is applicable to applications submitted in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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	El Cajon	Mendota
Anderson	El Centro	Merced
Arcata	Eureka *	Montague
Arvin	Farmersville	Needles
Atwater	Firebaugh	Orange Cove
Avenal	Fort Bragg *	Oroville
Banning	Fort Jones	Paradise
Barstow	Fortuna *	Parlier
Bell	Fowler	Portola
Bell Gardens	Fresno	Red Bluff *
Blythe	Grass Valley	Reedley
Brawley	Guadalupe	San Bernardino
Calexico	Holtville *	Sand City *
California City	Huntington Park *	San Joaquin
Calipatria	Huron	San Luis Obispo
Chico	Industry *	Selma
Chowchilla	Isleton	Shafter
Clearlake	Kerman	South El Monte
Coalinga	King City	Tulelake
Colusa *	Lindsay	Victorville
Corcoran	McFarland	Wasco
Cudahy	Madera	Weed
Davis	Maricopa *	Westmorland
Dinuba	Marysville	Willows *
Dorris	Maywood	Woodlake

Counties

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

* Added to list in 2026/2027

Data source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S1701, 2024