

Sample data collection form

Federal law requires that we request the following information to help ensure that all small businesses applying for loans and other kinds of credit are treated fairly and that communities' small business credit needs are met.

One or more employees or officers involved in making a determination concerning your application may have access to the information provided on this form. However, **FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION** on the basis of your answers on this form. Additionally, we cannot discriminate on the basis of whether you provide this information.

Information about your application (without your name or other directly identifying information) may eventually be available to the public. Though filling out this form will help to ensure that all small business owners are treated fairly, **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION.**

Business ownership status

Please indicate the business ownership status of your small business. For the purposes of this form, your business is a minority-owned or women-owned business if one or more minorities* or women (i) directly or indirectly own or control more than 50 percent of the business AND (ii) receive more than 50 percent of the net profits/losses of the business.

What is your business ownership status? *(Check one or more)*

- ☐ I do not wish to provide this information
- ☐ Minority-owned business
- ☐ Women-owned business
- ☐ None of these apply

**Minority means Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, or Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. A multi-racial or multi-ethnic individual is a minority for this purpose.*

Number of principal owners

For purposes of this form, a principal owner is any individual who owns 25 percent or more of the equity interest of a business. A business might not have any principal owners if, for example, it is not directly owned by any individuals (i.e., if it is owned by another entity or entities) or if no individual directly owns at least 25 percent of the business.

How many principal owners does your business have? *(Check one)*

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4

Demographic information about principal owners

As a reminder, **APPLICANTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION**. We cannot discriminate on the basis of any person's ethnicity, race, or sex. Further, we cannot discriminate on the basis of whether you provide this information. **PLEASE FILL OUT ONE SHEET FOR EACH PRINCIPAL OWNER.**

1. What is your ethnicity?

(Check only one)

- ☐ I do not wish to provide my ethnicity
 - ☐ Hispanic or Latino
 - ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
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2. What is your race?

(Check one or more)

- ☐ I do not wish to provide my race
 - ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
 - ☐ Asian
 - ☐ Black or African American
 - ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - ☐ White
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3. What is your sex?

(Check only one)

- ☐ I do not wish to provide my sex
 - ☐ Male
 - ☐ Female
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