



# SALT LAKE CITY TRANSMITTAL

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**Subject:**  
Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (EDLF) – Gorkha Enterprises, dba Himalayan Kitchen

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**Document Type**  
Ordinance

**Budget Impact?**  
 Yes  
 No

**Budget Impact:**  
\$350,000 from the Economic Development Loan Fund

**Recommendation:**  
The EDLF Loan Committee recommends approval of \$350,000 loan to Himalayan Kitchen.

**Background/Discussion**  
See first attachment for Background/Discussion

**Will there need to be a public hearing for this item?\***

Yes  
 No

**Public Process**

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ERIN MENDENHALL  
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DEPARTMENT of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL

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Jill Love, Chief Administrative Officer

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date sent to Council: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Salt Lake City Council  
Chris Wharton, Chair

**DATE:** January 8, 2025

**FROM:** Lorena Riffo-Jenson, Director, Department of Economic Development

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**SUBJECT:** Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (EDLF) – Gorkha Enterprises, dba Himalayan Kitchen

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**DOCUMENT TYPE:** Ordinance

**RECOMMENDATION:** The EDLF Loan Committee **recommends approval** of \$350,000 loan to Himalayan Kitchen.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** \$350,000 from the Economic Development Loan Fund

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** On December 4, 2024, a loan request from Himalayan Kitchen was presented to the EDLF Loan Committee for review and discussion. Himalayan Kitchen is an iconic downtown restaurant specializing in authentic Indian and Nepali food.

**Basic Loan request**

Business Name: Himalayan Kitchen

Address: 1388 South 300 West Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Loan Amount Requested: \$350,000

Loan Term: 7 years

Interest Rate: 10.5%

Use of Funds: Tenant Improvement, Machinery and Equipment, Working Capital

Loan Type: Expansion

Council District: 5

## **Reasoning behind staff recommendation**

Applicants of The Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF) go through a thorough application process consisting of pre-screening, underwriting analysis and economic impact statement. Only after the loan applicant goes through these processes, then the loan is recommended to be reviewed by the Loan Committee members. Upon the thorough review of the Loan Committee members then a recommendation is made before the loan is transmitted to the Mayor for Council to receive the recommendation for final approval. Because the Loan Committee review process must adhere to the Open Meetings Act, DED's staff has worked closely with the City Attorney's Office to ensure that applicants' information is protected and at the same time the public process is followed.

In addition, the EDLF loans must meet the following goals of the Economic Development Loan Fund as stated in the EDLF program guidelines. This loan meets the EDLF program guidelines in the following areas.

- Stimulate business development and expansion,
- Enhance neighborhood vitality,
- Promote economic development,
- Boost commercial enterprise.

This loan will assist in the creation of 15 new jobs in the next year and retention of 5 current jobs.

This loan was recommended by the EDLF Committee to the City Council for approval.

## **EDLF Loan Balances**

- As of December 20, 2024, the EDLF available fund balance is approximately \$8,100,000.
- As of November 31, 2024, the total amount of outstanding loans is: \$4,742,172.22.

## **EDLF Loan Committee**

There is a total of nine (9) EDLF Committee members.

### **City Employees:**

1. Community and Neighborhood's Finance
2. Mayor's Office
3. Employee at large
4. Housing Stability
5. Economic Development

### **Community Volunteers:**

6. Business Advisory Board (BAB) member
7. Banker
8. Community lender
9. Business mentor

## **Attachments:**

- EDLF Terms Sheet for Gorkha Enterprises, dba Himalayan Kitchen
- Ordinance

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## LOAN TERM SHEET

Applicant: Gorkha Enterprises, dba Himalayan Kitchen

Address: 1388 South 300 West Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

### Proposed Loan Terms

Loan Amount: \$350,000

Loan Terms: 7 Years

Interest Rate Calculation      Prime Interest Rate: 8.5% (at the time of application fee payment and initiation of Part B of the application, August 13, 2024)

Plus EDLF Charge: 4%

Less Discount: 1% for each

- SEDI (Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual)
- Priority Area (State Street RDA Project Area)

**Final Interest Rate: 10.50%**

Use of Funds: Machinery and Equipment, Tenant Improvements, Working Capital

Loan Type: Expansion

Collateral: The real property located at 522 S 1300 E, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

Personal Guarantees: Surya Bastakoti

Conditions for Closing

- Obtain all City approvals, execute all loan documents as deemed necessary by City legal counsel and DED staff, such other terms as recommended by City legal counsel and DED staff.

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SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2025

(Ordinance approving a \$350,000 loan for Gorkha Enterprises, dba Himalayan Kitchen, 1388 South 300 West suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 from the Economic Development Loan Fund)

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City Corporation's ("City") Economic Development Loan Fund ("EDLF") is a program to stimulate local business development, encourage private investment, enhance neighborhood vitality, and boost commercial enterprise in Salt Lake City.

WHEREAS, the EDLF is administered by the Department of Economic Development ("DED") and loan applications are first prescreened by DED staff, and then reviewed by the EDLF Loan Committee.

WHEREAS, the EDLF Loan Committee and DED staff recommend the approval of the attached loan term sheet for a Gorkha Enterprises, dba Himalayan Kitchen, 1388 South 300 West suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, that:

SECTION 1. Loan Approval. The City Council approves the loan outlined in the Term Sheet attached hereto, subject to revisions that do not materially affect the rights and obligations of the City hereunder. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute the loan agreement and any other relevant documents consistent with the Term Sheet, and incorporating such other terms and agreements as recommended by the City Attorney's office.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Chris Wharton, Council Chair

ATTEST AND COUNTERSIGN:

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CITY RECORDER

Transmitted to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

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MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY RECORDER  
(SEAL)

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2025.

Published: \_\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office

Date: December 24, 2024

Sara Montoya  
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Sara Montoya, City Attorney

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