

Commercial Loan vs MinnPACE

	Commercial Loan	MinnPACE
Purpose	General business needs	Energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, resilience projects
Financing Coverage	Typically 70–80% of project costs, 5–30% down	Up to 100% of eligible costs, often no down payment
Loan Term	3–7 years (sometimes up to 25)	Up to 30 years, aligned with life of improvements
Rates & Repayment	Fixed or variable rates, monthly payments start immediately	Fixed rates, deferred repayment. Paid back via property tax bills (twice a year)
Security & Guarantees	Collateral and personal guarantees usually required	Tied to property through special tax assessment, no personal guarantee needed
Transferability	Must pay off or refinance when property sells	Assessment stays with property and can transfer to new owner