



CHICAGOLAND COVID-19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE GUIDE

Chicago Community Loan Fund supports the resiliency of community development efforts during this COVID-19 pandemic and has created this resource guide for developers, small businesses and nonprofit organizations. You will find links to grants, low-cost loans and other resources offered by government and private sources that can help sustain you through this crisis. Use it as a resource tool and share it broadly with peer networks. This resource guide is a living document and will be updated as needed. If you know of a resource that should be part of this directory, or you would like additional information, please email: info@cclfcchicago.org.

Get Prepared to Apply For Assistance

While many of the resources available are requiring less documentation, the following checklist would be helpful for you to start to gather to be able to apply for grants or loans.

- ✓ Document your financial hardship – document communication from government, from your suppliers, communication to employees
- ✓ Have copies of all payment arrangements for suppliers and vendors
- ✓ Payroll information, number of staff
- ✓ Copy of your business license
- ✓ Articles of organization/incorporation
- ✓ Last 12 months of bank statements
- ✓ 3 years of organizational tax returns
 - If your business is new, funders may ask for personal tax returns, as well. If your business is 1 year old, they may ask for 2 years personal, totaling 3 years of tax returns
 - Include all pages/schedules of the return
 - If you do not have the returns, be prepared to request a tax transcript
- ✓ Ensure you're in good standing
 - Secretary of State https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/corp.html
 - City of Chicago https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bacp/provdrs/bus/svcs/business_licenselook-up.html
- ✓ Make sure that you don't owe the city of Chicago money
- ✓ No back child support
- ✓ Check the credit of all owners/principals/partners (N/A for nonprofits)
 - AnnualCreditReport.com

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Thank you!



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FEDERAL Program Name



Paycheck Protection Program (Emergency SBA 7(a) Loans)

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

Lender

SBA Approved 7 (a) Lenders – start with your financial institution

Description

Emergency loan program for nonprofits and for-profit entities to secure funds to pay staff and operating costs for two months, SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. Good for all business types. Congress has modified terms for PPP to cover up to 24 weeks of eligible expenses (up from eight weeks)

Eligibility

500 or fewer employees

Nonprofit eligibility

Must have been in operation on 2/15/2020 and had paid employees and/or paid independent contractors. Expressly available for charitable nonprofits with 500 or fewer employees, but requires that employees of affiliated nonprofits may be counted toward the 500 employee cap, depending on the degree of control of the parent.

Uses of Funds

Payroll costs, mortgage interest payments, rent, utilities, and interest on prior debt during the 8-week period following loan origination.

Funding Amount

The lesser of \$10 million or 2.5 times the average total monthly payroll costs from the one-year period (look back) prior to the date of application. Express 7(a) loans available up to \$1 million.

Loan Terms

This loan has a maturity up to 5 years and an interest rate of 1%.

Loan Forgiveness

There are new updates to eligibility for forgiveness. Employers do not have to maintain employment for 8 weeks; covered period for expenses has been extended to 24 weeks; and only 60% down from 75% of loan needs to be used for payroll expenses.

Processing and Disbursement

Varies based upon the lending institution that is processing the loan

Application and Documentation

Starting April 3, small businesses and sole proprietorships can apply for loans. Starting April 10, independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply for loans. There is a funding cap, so the Treasury Department recommends applying as soon as possible.

[Download application here https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form--paycheck-protection-program-ppp-sample-application-form](https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form--paycheck-protection-program-ppp-sample-application-form)

Applications accepted until 6/30/2020

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Questions

Questions: Contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or by e-mail at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

For additional assistance, refer to the [Women's Business Development Center](#)
[WBDC Readiness Checklist](#) for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans
[WBDC Applicant Guide](#) for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans

Program name

Mid-Size Loan Program CARES Act

Lender

SBA Approved Lenders <https://www.sba.gov/>

Description

Largely undefined loan program to be created by the Treasury Department to fill the gap between the Paycheck Protection Program for smaller employers and the industry stabilization loans to big business.

Eligibility

500-1000 employees

Nonprofit eligibility

Expressly applies to “nonprofit organizations”

Uses of Funds

The recipient intends to restore not less than 90% of its workforce that existed as of February 1, 2020, and to restore all compensation and benefits to the workers of the recipient no later than four months after the termination of the public health emergency declared

Funding Amount

TBD

Loan Terms

Interest capped at 2% with no principle or interest paid for first 6 months.

Loan Forgiveness

None

Processing and Disbursement

TBD

Application and Documentation

TBD

Questions

Still under development, check with the [Small Business Administration](https://www.sba.gov/) for details <https://www.sba.gov/>

Program Name

Standard Participation Loan Program (PLP) / Advantage Illinois

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Advantagellinois/pages/default.aspx>

Lenders

Approved DCEO Lenders, download list here <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Advantagellinois/Documents/11-27-17%20AI%20Participating%20Fin%20%20Inst%20w-o%20CSP%20and%20w-o%20CAP.pdf>

Description

Standard Participation Loan Program (PLP) – designed to enable small businesses to obtain medium to long-term financing, in the form of term loans, to help grow and expand their businesses. Department participation is subordinated to the lender and has a “below market” interest rate.

Eligibility

Businesses – fewer than 750 full-time employees.

Uses of Funds

Start-up costs, working capital, business procurement, franchise fees, equipment, inventory, as well as the purchase, construction, renovation, or tenant improvements of an eligible place of business that is not for passive real estate investment purposes

Funding Amount

\$10,000 - \$200,000

Loan Terms

Low interest, loan term up to 7 years

Loan Forgiveness

N/A

Processing and Disbursement

TBD

Application and Documentation

Apply with individual lenders <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Advantagellinois/Documents/11-27-17%20AI%20Participating%20Fin%20%20Inst%20w-o%20CSP%20and%20w-o%20CAP.pdf>

Program Name

Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC PLP)/ Advantage Illinois

Lender

Approved DCEO Lenders, download list here <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/AdvantageIllinois/Documents/11-27-17%20AI%20Participating%20Fin%20%20Inst%20w-o%20CSP%20and%20w-o%20CAP.pdf>

Description

Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC PLP) – similar to Standard PLP except in the form of a revolving line of credit. Maximum term is two years and further support requires reapplication.

Eligibility

Businesses – fewer than 750 full-time employees.

Uses of Funds

Start-up costs, working capital, business procurement, franchise fees, equipment, inventory, as well as the purchase, construction, renovation, or tenant improvements of an eligible place of business that is not for passive real estate investment purposes.

Funding Amount

\$10,000 - \$200,000

Loan Terms

Interest TBD, loan term up to 7 years

Loan Forgiveness

N/A

Processing and Disbursement

N/A

Application and Documentation

Apply directly with lender

Program Name

Minority/Women/Disabled/Veteran-Owned Businesses/Advantage Illinois
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/AdvantageIllinois/pages/default.aspx>

Lender

Approved DCEO Lenders, download [list here](#)

Description

Minority/Women/Disabled/Veteran-Owned Businesses – similar to Standard PLP; however, the amount of financial support may range depending on loan term, M/W/D/V majority control/ownership.

Eligibility

Businesses – fewer than 750 full-time employees.

Uses of Funds

Start-up costs, working capital, business procurement, franchise fees, equipment, inventory, as well as the purchase, construction, renovation, or tenant improvements of an eligible place of business that is not for passive real estate investment purposes.

Funding Amount

\$10,000 - \$200,000

Loan Terms

Low interest, loan term up to 7 years

Loan Forgiveness

N/A

Processing and Disbursement

N/A

Application and Documentation

Apply directly with lender

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/AdvantageIllinois/Documents/11-27-17%20AI%20Participating%20Fin%20%20Inst%20w-o%20CSP%20and%20w-o%20CAP.pdf>

Program Name

COVID-19 Emergency (1E) Assistance Program (an Illinois Statewide Program)

Administrator

Workforce Investment Board of Will County

Description

Rapid Response is a flexible activity designed to respond to the needs of businesses and affected workers. It includes the delivery of layoff aversion strategies intended to prevent or minimize the duration of unemployment.

Eligibility

Program will reimburse from \$5,000 - \$50,000 per employer/physical location. Applicant must document impact of COVID-19 and layoff risk factors for each project in the Application

Uses of Funds

Local Workforce Investment Areas must utilize funds in order to mitigate layoffs and adhere to “social distancing” provisions established by state and federal public health entities, to essential small businesses per SBA. Requests must be reasonable, necessary and directly related to the purpose of the COVID-19 layoffs. Non-essential businesses may not use this funding to operate in violation of COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Order. Examples include (not all-inclusive list):

- Cleaning/sanitization service if a small business needs their employees to be at work.
- Purchase the software programs and/or hardware (computers) that the employee would be to used from their home to support their work.
- Purchase the software programs and/or hardware (computers) and/or smart phones for Call Centers that the employee would be to use from their home to support their work.
- Pay for additional shifts so that fewer employees are on on-site at any given time. Funding could be used to offset related costs, excluding wages and benefits.
- Pay for projects to support the production of goods and services that are needed to address COVID-19 through Incumbent Worker Training to preserve crucial business operations to stay in business.
- Convene industry leaders in key sectors to identify immediate needs/solutions from workforce education and economic development partners. Funding would support industry partnership activities focused on recovery efforts

Apply

Timing is of the essence as this program is a first come-first served basis. Application details are here <http://www.willcountyworkforceboard.com/businesses/covid-19-emergency-1e-assistance-program/>

Program Name

Rebuild Illinois - Regional Economic Development

Administrator

Department of Commerce and Economic Development

Description

The State has allocated \$16,500,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Regional Economic Development (RIRED) component. A grant ceiling of \$2,000,000 per project has been established. Grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded. The objective of this program, in keeping with the Governor's 5-year Economic Development plan, is to provide grants to strengthen local economies and encourage the development of regional industry clusters.

[Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include:

Units of general local government recognized by the Illinois Constitution (i.e., cities, villages, townships and counties).

- Local Economic Development Organizations
- Local Non-Profits able to support project activities on a sufficient scale
- Private Company demonstrating the ability to coordinate the project and comply with all requirements.

Uses of Funds

This program will provide grants to strengthen local economies and encourage the development of industry clusters. See Rebuild Illinois Regional Economic Development Guidebook for a complete description, requirements, and application and scoring criteria.

Funding Amount

\$250,000 - \$2,000,000

Application and Documentation

General announcement open for a period of time with no specific due dates for applications. Information about the application and documents required is available [here](#).

Program Name

Rebuild Illinois - Public Infrastructure

Administrator

Department of Commerce and Economic Development

Description

The State has allocated \$25,000,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Public Infrastructure (RIPI) component. A grant ceiling of \$5,000,000 per project has been established. Grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded. The objective of the Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure (RIPI) component of the Rebuild Illinois plan is to provide grants funding public infrastructure improvements that can provide an improved foundation for economic growth in Illinois communities.

[Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include:

Units of general local government recognized by the Illinois Constitution (i.e., cities, villages, townships and counties).

- Local Economic Development Organizations
- Local Non-Profits able to support project activities on a sufficient scale
- Private Company demonstrating the ability to coordinate the project and comply with all requirements.

Uses of Funds

This program will provide grants to strengthen local economies and encourage the development of industry clusters. See Rebuild Illinois Regional Economic Development Guidebook for a complete description, requirements, and application and scoring criteria.

Funding Amount

\$250,000 - \$2,000,000

Application and Documentation

General announcement open for a period of time with no specific due dates for applications. Information about the application and documents required is available [here](#).

Program Name

Rebuild Illinois - Shovel Ready Sites

Description

The State has allocated \$13,000,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Shovel Ready Sites (RISRS) component. A grant ceiling of \$2,000,000 per project has been established. Grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded. The Governor's Five-Year Economic Development Plan recognizes there are sites across Illinois with great economic development potential that require additional investment in order to become "shovel-ready." Redevelopment in infill locations can use vacant buildings, parking lots, empty schools, or other under-used sites for new amenities and businesses near existing neighborhoods.

[Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants include:

- Units of general local government recognized by the Illinois Constitution (i.e., cities, villages, townships and counties).
- Local Economic Development Organizations
- Local Non-Profits able to support project activities on a sufficient scale
- Private Company demonstrating the ability to coordinate the project and comply with all requirements.

Uses of Funds

The purpose is to provide funding for site preparation for underutilized properties that can transform into economic development opportunities across Illinois.

Funding Amount

\$250,000 - \$2,000,000

Application and Documentation

Applications for the Competitive RISRS component may be made at any time after the Notice of Funding Opportunity is posted and until all available funding is exhausted. Information about the application and documents required is available [here](#).

Program Name

Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund

Lender

United Way of Illinois and the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations

Description

The United Way of Illinois and the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations, in collaboration with the Office of Governor JB Pritzker, have established the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund to raise funds from individual, corporate, and foundation donors to be disbursed to nonprofit organizations across the state serving individuals, families and communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amount

Grants have ranged from \$25,000 to \$400,000.

Use of Funds

The fund prioritizes swiftly deploying resources to local community foundations and nonprofits in support of residents in need of: emergency food and basic supplies; interim housing and shelter; primary health care services; utility and financial assistance; supports for children and other vulnerable populations, and nonprofit safety and operations assistance.

Apply Here

Grantmaking Working Group made up of diverse individuals with deep experience in the social service sector and connections to grassroots organizations throughout Illinois; this group will recommend specific grants for the Steering Committee to consider. For more information, please visit <https://www.ilcovidresponsefund.org/>

Program Name	Community Recovery Fund
Lender	Cook County
Description	An emergency \$10 million COVID-19 relief fund for businesses and 1099 workers in suburban Cook County
Eligibility	Small Businesses, fewer than 25 employees Independent Contractors, at least half of income from 1099 contract works is less than \$100,000 in gross annual income
Funding Amount	This fund offers one-time, zero-interest loans of up to \$20,000 for small businesses and \$10,000 for independent contractors
Loan Terms	Unsecured non-revolving loan up to five-years at 0% interest, no principal payments for first six months and no pre-payment penalties; selected on first-come basis
Loan Forgiveness	N/A
Processing and Disbursement	Processing and disbursement done by funding partners Chicago Community Loan Fund and Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives Micro Finance Group
Application and Documentation	Get notified when applications are posted by completing the form here ; Primary business location in Cook County outside of Chicago; 2018 and 2019 1099 forms and tax returns, photo ID
Questions	For more information, please visit here https://www.cookcountyil.gov/recovery

Program Name

Together Now Fund

Administrator

City of Chicago, The Chicago Community Trust and One Chicago Fund

Description

In collaboration with the City of Chicago, The Chicago Community Trust and One Chicago Fund have launched the Together Now fund to unite funds raised by Chicago's philanthropies, corporations, and individuals to be disbursed to small businesses across the city.

The allocation of these funds will receive an equity lens that considers the disproportionate burden endured by local business owners, Black and Latinx business owners, those who are uninsured or underinsured, and those living in communities with a history of disinvestment.

This fund is now also taking donations. Website: <https://www.cct.org/togethernow/>



Program Name

Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund

<https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/chicago-small-business-resiliency-fund/>

Lenders

Accion Chicago, Community Reinvestment Fund, Chicago Community Loan Fund, CNIMFG, LISC, WBDC

Description

Good for all business types in the city of Chicago, including sole proprietors; and not for profits

Eligibility

Suffer more than 25% of loss due to COVID;
Fewer 50 employees and revenue less than \$3M;
50% of employees must reside in Chicago Business located in Chicago; in operations for at least 1 year,
No liens or judgments

Uses of Funds

Proceeds are required to be used for working capital. At least 50% of proceeds should be applied toward payroll and commitment to retain the workforce at 50% of pre-COVID-19 levels. Funding Amount Up to \$50,000 but sized based on revenues before the COVID-19 outbreak.

Loan Terms

Low-interest loans, repayment period: up to five years

Loan Forgiveness

N/A

Processing and Disbursement

As soon as possible

Application and Documentation

Required documentation for the application

- Bank statements dating back to October 2019
- Your most recent tax return
- Debt checks and credit checks will occur but will not disqualify you
- Photo ID (CityKey will be accepted)

Apply here <https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/chicago-small-business-resiliency-fund/>

Questions

FAQ is listed here

Closed April 24 at 5pm (cst)

Program Name

Microbusiness Recovery Grant Program

Administrator

City of Chicago

Description

This program will distribute \$5,000 grants to up to 1,000 businesses with four or fewer employees in low- and moderate-income areas of the city that have been severely impacted by COVID-19 and could most benefit from a grant.

Amount

\$5,000 grant

Uses of Funds

Grant funds must be used for working capital (payroll, rent, personnel expenses, insurance, taxes, etc.)

Apply Here

Grant is currently closed

Self-Care Business Support

Program Name **One Fair Wage Emergency Fund**

One Fair Wage Tipped and service worker support fund – grant Cash assistance to restaurant workers, car service drivers, delivery workers, personal service workers and more who need the money they aren't getting to survive. <https://ofwemergencyfund.org/>

Program Name **Professional Beauty Association (PBA) COVID-19 Relief Fund - \$500 grant**

The PBA COVID-19 Relief Fund is designed to help support the licensed beauty professionals who have not been able to work or are experiencing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Learn more about how you can donate and/or apply today! <https://www.probeauty.org/>

Program Name **CFDA Resources for Navigating COVID-19 Coronavirus Business Challenges**

Resources for fashion and retail businesses
<https://cfda.com/news/cfda-resources-for-navigating-covid-19-coronavirus-business-challenges>

Program Name

The Red Backpack Fund

Administrator

GlobalGiving

Description

The Spanx by Sara Blakely Foundation donated \$5 million to support female entrepreneurs in the wake of COVID-19 and teamed up with GlobalGiving to establish The Red Backpack Fund. 1,000 women will also receive a free annual All-Access Pass to all 80+ MasterClass instructors, including Sara Blakely’s class on entrepreneurship, to provide mentorship to recipients during this time.

Amount

\$5,000

Uses of Funds

Business expenses

Apply Here

Each month, applications accepted. The portal will open for applications again on June 1- June 8; July 6, and August 3. <https://www.globalgiving.org/redbackpackfund/>

Program Name

LISC Small Business Relief Grant Program

Administrator

LISC

Description

Small businesses across the country are confronting extreme economic challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Financial support at this critical time can make the difference between staying in business or closing permanently, leading to lost income, jobs and economic stability. Thanks to a \$2.5 million investment from Verizon, LISC is offering grants to help small businesses fill urgent financial gaps until they can resume normal operations or until other more permanent financing becomes available.

Amount

\$10,000

Uses of Funds

Business expenses

Apply Here

Grant set to open. Complete interest form [here](#)

<https://www.lisc.org/covid-19/verizon-small-business-recovery-fund/>

Program Name

LISC - Chicago State Farm Small Business Rescue Fund

Administrator

LISC - Chicago

Description

LISC has received a \$10 million low-interest loan through State Farm’s Good Neighbor Relief response to COVID-19 to help Chicago and Central Illinois small business owners and non-profit organizations work through the economic fallout from the pandemic. With the loan, LISC will establish a Small Business Rescue Fund to distribute loans to small businesses and nonprofit social enterprises for urgent needs, including operational costs like paying employees, vendors and rent.

Amount

TBA

Uses of Funds

Women-, minority- and veteran-led small businesses that provide vital goods, services and jobs in communities most in danger of permanent closure
Nonprofit social enterprises with revenues of less than \$5 million

Small Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) with missions to support small businesses

Apply here

If you feel the product would meet your needs, [please fill out this questionnaire](#) so that we can determine if and how we can best support your business.

Program Name

The FedEx #SupportSmallBusiness Grants

Administrator

FedEx

Description

FedEx is providing 200 \$5,000 grants to small businesses that have been greatly impacted financially by the COVID-19 crisis in the U.S.

Amount

\$5,000 in cash, and a \$500 credit at FedEx Office to use toward printing services.

Eligibility

You must be older than 18; be a U.S.-based for-profit small business in operation and selling for more than 1 year, with less than 50 employees; have less than \$5 million in annual sales revenue in 2019; and have shipped in the last 12 months and/or plan to ship in the coming 12 months as part of your business. Non-profits, franchised businesses, direct-seller/reseller businesses, independent consultants and previous winners in the FedEx Small Business Grant Contest are not eligible to apply for this grant.

Uses of Funds

Grants are exclusive to current female business owners in the worlds of design, fashion, music, and the arts. Businesses that are not already established will not be considered. To be eligible, applicants must identify as female, be US residents, and be 18 years or older by the close of the submission window. Unfortunately we are currently unable to accept international applications.

Apply Here

The application process opens on May 25, 2020, and the deadline to apply for a grant is June 12, 2020, at 10:59:59 p.m. CST Apply [here](#)

Program Name

The GirlBoss Foundation

Administrator

The GirlBoss Foundation

Description

The Girlboss Foundation is a semi-annual grant awarded to female entrepreneurs pursuing creative endeavors. Each grant beneficiary will receive \$15,000 in project funding, plus exposure through the Girlboss platform and community.

Amount

\$15,000

Uses of Funds

Grants are exclusive to current female business owners in the worlds of design, fashion, music, and the arts. Businesses that are not already established will not be considered. To be eligible, applicants must identify as female, be US residents, and be 18 years or older by the close of the submission window. Unfortunately we are currently unable to accept international applications.

Apply Here

Show us what you've got! Grant applicants are required to submit an example of their work—so please share a link, or mail in a submission. Apply here <https://www.girlboss.com/foundation/apply-2>

Program Name **The Small Business Relief Initiative and Fund**

Administrator GoFundMe

Description

GoFundMe has partnered with Intuit QuickBooks, Yelp, GoDaddy, and Bill.com to give small businesses a \$500 grant if they raise at least \$500 on GoFundMe.

Amount \$500 matching grant

Uses of Funds Varies

Apply Here

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/smallbusinessrelieffund>

Program Name **Business For All**

Administrator Hello Alice

Description

Business for All is a national movement to lift up 100,000 small business owners to receive funding and mentorship. By completing the application below, you're eligible to receive up to \$50,000 in grant funding. In partnership with Verizon, the digital fundraising and advocacy platform Hello Alice is offering emergency grants of up to \$10,000 for companies impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Amount Grants of up to \$50,000

Uses of Funds Varies

Apply Here

<https://businessforall.helloalice.com/>

\$10,000 COVID-19 Business for All Grants are awarded on a rolling basis.

COVID-19 Grant Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 11:59 pm PT.

General Business for All Grant applications are due September 25, 2020 at 12:00 am PT.

Food/Hospitality Business Support

Chicago Service Relief

A directory of fundraisers for Chicago bars, venues, restaurants, and other service-based businesses that can use our help during the state-mandated shutdown.

<https://chicagoservicerelief.com/>

Dining at a Distance

List your Chicago food business in this directory that are open for take-out, curbside pick-up, or delivery during the lockdown of Chicago's restaurants and bars during COVID-19.

<https://www.diningatadistance.com/chicago>

Eat News

Restaurant resources in the US and Canada. <https://www.eat.news/resources>

James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Relief Fund (Grant)

Grant has not opened yet. If you are inquiring about criteria in the application process for the JBF Relief Fund, please [add your information here](#). They are working on application materials at this time and will send out information when it is ready

Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund (Loan)

A zero interest loans to get restaurants back running and direct relief to individual restaurant workers. Apply here

<https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/>

USBG National Foundation (Grant)

Bartender Emergency Assistance Program is for bartenders and their spouses who have experienced an emergency hardship or catastrophic event. Catastrophe/hardship must be documented. For more information <https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap>

Chicago Community Loan Fund <https://cclfchicago.org/>

CCLF provides flexible loans to support housing, commercial and economic development, social enterprises, and community facility space

CIC <http://www.cicchicago.com/>

Chicago's Multifamily Rehab Lender provides financing to buy and rehab apartment buildings in the 6-county Chicago area. We also offer Property Management Training.

HUD

Halt all new foreclosure actions and suspend all foreclosure actions currently in process; and Cease all evictions of persons from FHA-insured single-family properties. Check for up to date developments at <https://www.hud.gov/coronavirus>

Program

Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Pages/EmergencySBAIntiatives.aspx>

Description

Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund offers small businesses low interest loans of up to \$50,000. Working capital and at least 50% of loans proceeds must be applied toward payroll or other eligible compensation including salaries, wages, tips, paid leave, and group healthcare benefits. For full details, see the Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund in For Profit Business Funding

Program

Paycheck Protection Program (Emergency SBA 7(a) Loans)

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

Description

SBA Approved 7 (a) Lenders – start with your financial institution offering loans up to \$10M to Pay staff and operating costs for two months, SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. For full details, see the Paycheck Protection Program in For Profit Business Funding

REAL ESTATE BUSINESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Program Name

Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund

Lenders

Chicago Community Loan Fund

Description

Good for all business types in the city of Chicago, including sole proprietors; and not for profits

Eligibility

Suffer more than 25% of loss due to COVID;
Fewer 50 employees and revenue less than \$3M;
50% of employees must reside in Chicago Business located in Chicago; in operations for at least 1 year,
No liens or judgments

Uses of Funds

After 50% utilized for payroll, other uses include holding costs like: security, fencing Utilities (electric,gas,water); landscaping; groundskeeping, debris removal, garbage pickup for multi-units; portable toilet; dumpsters and property taxes

Loan Terms

Low-interest loans, repayment period: up to five years

Loan Forgiveness

N/A

Processing and Disbursement

As soon as possible

Application and Documentation

Required documentation for the application

- Bank statements dating back to October 2019
- Your most recent tax return
- Debt checks and credit checks will occur but will not disqualify you
- Photo ID (CityKey will be accepted)

Apply here <https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/chicago-small-business-resiliency-fund/>

Closed April 24 at 5pm (cst)

Program Name

Emergency Solutions Grants Program

Administrator

HUD

Description

Emergency Solutions Grants focus on assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

Eligibility

Private, non profit organizations. Eligible recipients generally consist of metropolitan cities, urban counties, territories, and states. Metropolitan cities, urban counties and territories may subgrant ESG funds to private nonprofit organizations.

Use of Funds

1. Street Outreach
2. Emergency Shelter: including renovation, including major rehabilitation or conversion, of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. Note: Property acquisition and new construction are ineligible ESG activities.
3. Essential Services: case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and services for special populations.
4. Shelter Operations: maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter.
5. Homelessness Prevention: relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance.
6. Rental Assistance: rental assistance and rental arrears; rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, moving costs; housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, credit repair
7. Rapid Re-Housing: Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
8. Data Collection (HMIS)

Website

For more information, visit HUD <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>

Chicago Housing Solidarity Pledge

Mayor Lightfoot, Commissioner Marisa Novara, leading lenders and landlord associations in April 2020 announced the Chicago Housing Solidarity pledge, an effort to provide relief to beleaguered tenants and building owners negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pledge affirms lenders and landlords may offer eligible renters and mortgage holders deferred payment agreements and other financial relief in response to the economic fallout of COVID-19 and continuing after the pandemic.

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doh/supp_info/chicago-housing-solidarity-pledge.html.html

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

FREE virtual brief service and advice clinic featuring:

Expanded eligibility to give free legal advice to more nonprofits and small businesses that need help

Information about how to access federal, state, county, and City of Chicago loan funds

Referrals to other organizations in Chicago that are providing more in-depth assistance to nonprofits and small businesses with actual loan applications

Brief legal advice on issues including employment, leases, contracts, taxes, debt relief, real estate, dissolution or mergers

[Click here](#) for an appointment

Housing Action Illinois - COVID-19 Resources Related to Housing & Homelessness

Housing Action will make daily updates with new resources as they become available. Resources are listed for non profit housing organizations. Check back frequently for updated information

Website: <https://housingactionil.org/what-we-do/public-education-organizing/covid-19-information-resources/>

Illinois Housing Development Authority

COVID-19 Housing Resources Information <https://www.ihda.org/about-ihda/covid-19-housing-resources-information/>

The Preservation Compact

The Preservation Compact brings together the region's public, private, and nonprofit leaders to preserve affordable multifamily rental housing in Cook County. See the COVID 19 resources available to landlords and tenants here <https://www.preservationcompact.org/coronavirus/>

City of Chicago Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

Chicago previously announced that it will be delaying collection for several fines and fees through April 30, which includes the collection of the Ground Transportation Tax for taxicabs, Transportation Network Providers (TNPs, or ride-hail) and other public passenger vehicles. Furthermore, the City has also already announced an extension of the deadline for debt checks for TNP and taxi drivers until April 30. BACP is also deferring collection of the accessibility fee for taxicabs and TNPs until April 30 and deferring inspections of vehicles and renewals of licenses while BACP offices are closed. For more information, please visit https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bacp/supp_info/BACP_COVID-19_Resources_Center_For_Businesses.html

Cook County

County has announced a series of measures waiving various County fines, fees and deferring tax collections, including an automatic extension of current M/W/DBE Certification for 6 months at no charge. [Download full Cook County Relief Package here](https://www.cookcountyil.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-financial-relief-package.pdf)
<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-financial-relief-package.pdf>
Cook County COVID 19 updates <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/information-covid-19>

Internal Revenue Service

Qualified disaster relief payments - Tax write off

Section 139 of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 139 allows employers to assist employees during a federally declared disaster with “qualified disaster relief payments” that are tax-free to the employee and fully deductible by the employer. These payments are not subject to any federal withholding obligations and do not need to be reported on a Form W-2 or 1099. In addition, in most cases, the exclusion will also apply for state income tax purposes. For more information <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>

Federal tax filing and payment modification

The deadlines to FILE and PAY federal income taxes are extended to July 15, 2020. No paperwork needed to file for extension.

State of Illinois Illinois Department of Revenue

Illinois Moves Tax Filing Deadline to July 15 The filing deadline for Illinois income tax returns has been extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. Penalties and interest will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of July 16, 2020. You will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by July 15, 2020.

Note: This does NOT impact the first and second installments of estimated payments for 2020 taxes that are due April 15 and June 15. Taxpayers are required to estimate their tax liability for the year and make four equal installments. Taxpayers can find more information, including common questions and answers, tax.illinois.gov.

State of Illinois COVID 19 resources [https://www2.illinois.gov/rev/Pages/Taxpayer-Resources-during-COVID-19-\(Coronavirus\)-Outbreak.aspx](https://www2.illinois.gov/rev/Pages/Taxpayer-Resources-during-COVID-19-(Coronavirus)-Outbreak.aspx)

NON PROFIT FUNDING SUPPORT

FEDERAL

Program Name

Paycheck Protection Program (Emergency SBA 7(a) Loans)

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

Lender

SBA Approved 7 (a) Lenders – start with your financial institution

Description

Emergency loan program for nonprofits and for-profit entities to secure funds to pay staff and operating costs for two months, SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. Good for all business types. Congress has modified terms for PPP to cover up to 24 weeks of eligible expenses (up from eight weeks)

Eligibility

500 or fewer employees

Nonprofit eligibility

Must have been in operation on 2/15/2020 and had paid employees and/or paid independent contractors. Expressly available for charitable nonprofits with 500 or fewer employees, but requires that employees of affiliated nonprofits may be counted toward the 500 employee cap, depending on the degree of control of the parent.

Uses of Funds

Payroll costs, mortgage interest payments, rent, utilities, and interest on prior debt during the 8-week period following loan origination.

Funding Amount

The lesser of \$10 million or 2.5 times the average total monthly payroll costs from the one-year period (look back) prior to the date of application. Express 7(a) loans available up to \$1 million.

Loan Terms

This loan has a maturity up to 5 years and an interest rate of 1%.

Loan Forgiveness

There are new updates to eligibility for forgiveness. Employers do not have to maintain employment for 8 weeks; covered period for expenses has been extended to 24 weeks; and only 60% down from 75% of loan needs to be used for payroll expenses.

Processing and Disbursement

Varies based upon the lending institution that is processing the loan

Application and Documentation

Starting April 3, small businesses and sole proprietorships can apply for loans. Starting April 10, independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply for loans. There is a funding cap, so the Treasury Department recommends applying as soon as possible.

Download application here <https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form--paycheck-protection-program-ppp-sample-application-form>

Applications accepted until 6/30/2020

Additional Forms

A Disaster Assistance loan officer may request you to fill out the following additional forms:

- [Fee Disclosure Form and Compensation Agreement \(Form 159D\)](#)
- [Personal Financial Statement \(SBA Form 413D\) \(en Español\)](#)
- [Request for Transcript of Tax Return \(IRS Form 4506-T\)](#)
- [Instructions for Request for Transcript of Tax Return \(IRS Form 4506-T\) \(en Español\)](#)
- [Schedule of Liabilities \(SBA Form 2202\)](#)
- [Instructions for Schedule of Liabilities \(SBA Form 2202\)](#)
- [Schedule of Liabilities \(SBA Form 2202\) \(en Español\)](#)
- [PUERTO RICO ONLY: Release of Inheritance and Donation \(Modelo SC 2907\) \(en Español\)](#)
- [PUERTO RICO ONLY: Hacienda Statement of Authorization](#)
- [Additional Filing Requirements \(SBA Form 1368\)](#)
- [Additional Filing Requirements \(SBA Form 413D\) Spanish](#)

Apply [here](#).

Questions

Contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or by e-mail at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Program Name

Mid-Size Loan Program - CARES Act

Lender

SBA Approved Lenders

Program Description

Largely undefined loan program to be created by the Treasury Department to fill the gap between the Paycheck Protection Program for smaller employers and the industry stabilization loans to big business.

Eligibility

500-1000 employees

Nonprofit eligibility

Expressly applies to “nonprofit organizations”

Uses of Funds

To retain 90% of workforce at full wages and benefits through 9/30/2020

Amount

TBD

Terms

Interest capped at 2% with no principle or interest paid for first 6 months.

Loan Forgiveness

None

Processing and Disbursement Time

N/A

TBD

Application and Documentation

TBD

Program Name**Emergency Solutions Grants Program****Administrator**

HUD

Description

Emergency Solutions Grants focus on assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

Eligibility

Private, non profit organizations. Eligible recipients generally consist of metropolitan cities, urban counties, territories, and states. Metropolitan cities, urban counties and territories may subgrant ESG funds to private nonprofit organizations.

Use of Funds

1. Street Outreach
2. Emergency Shelter: including renovation, including major rehabilitation or conversion, of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. Note: Property acquisition and new construction are ineligible ESG activities.
3. Essential Services: case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and services for special populations.
4. Shelter Operations: maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter.
5. Homelessness Prevention: relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance.
6. Rental Assistance: rental assistance and rental arrears; rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, moving costs; housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, credit repair
7. Rapid Re-Housing: Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
8. Data Collection (HMIS)

Website

For more information, visit HUD <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>

Program Name

Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund (ICRF)

<https://ilcovidresponsefund.org/>

Administrator

TBD

Program Description

The ICRF is chaired by former US Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker and lead partners are The Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations and United Way of Illinois, which bring important knowledge and expertise about needs and capacity in every region of the state.

Nonprofit eligibility

TBD

Uses of Funds

The ICRF will provide flexible resources to local community foundations and nonprofit organizations across the state to supply essential resources to the individuals and households most impacted by the pandemic. The fund is designed to be flexible so it can deploy resources to address possible additional areas of community need as they develop.

Amount

TBD

Terms

TBD

Loan Forgiveness

TBD

Processing and Disbursement Time

TBD

Application and Documentation

Please note that there is currently not an open application process for the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund (ICRF), here is the [interest form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbkQ72D2o--cSN-TC8owrmT9Mo-IWA3XOG7zJa1GHkwIWPpQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbkQ72D2o--cSN-TC8owrmT9Mo-IWA3XOG7zJa1GHkwIWPpQ/viewform)

Questions/More Information

<https://ilcovidresponsefund.org/>

Program Name

Rebuild Illinois - Regional Economic Development

Administrator

Department of Commerce and Economic Development

Description

The State has allocated \$16,500,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Regional Economic Development (RIRED) component. A grant ceiling of \$2,000,000 per project has been established. Grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded. The objective of this program, in keeping with the Governor's 5-year Economic Development plan, is to provide grants to strengthen local economies and encourage the development of regional industry clusters.

[Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include:

Units of general local government recognized by the Illinois Constitution (i.e., cities, villages, townships and counties).

- Local Economic Development Organizations
- Local Non-Profits able to support project activities on a sufficient scale
- Private Company demonstrating the ability to coordinate the project and comply with all requirements.

Uses of Funds

This program will provide grants to strengthen local economies and encourage the development of industry clusters. See Rebuild Illinois Regional Economic Development Guidebook for a complete description, requirements, and application and scoring criteria.

Funding Amount

\$250,000 - \$2,000,000

Application and Documentation

General announcement open for a period of time with no specific due dates for applications. Information about the application and documents required is available [here](#).

Program Name

Rebuild Illinois - Shovel Ready Sites

Description

The State has allocated \$13,000,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Shovel Ready Sites (RISRS) component. A grant ceiling of \$2,000,000 per project has been established. Grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded, The Governor’s Five-Year Economic Development Plan recognizes there are sites across Illinois with great economic development potential that require additional investment in order to become “shovel-ready.” Redevelopment in infill locations can use vacant buildings, parking lots, empty schools, or other under-used sites for new amenities and businesses near existing neighborhoods.

[Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants include:

- Units of general local government recognized by the Illinois Constitution (i.e., cities, villages, townships and counties).
- Local Economic Development Organizations
- Local Non-Profits able to support project activities on a sufficient scale
- Private Company demonstrating the ability to coordinate the project and comply with all requirements.

Uses of Funds

The purpose is to provide funding for site preparation for underutilized properties that can transform into economic development opportunities across Illinois.

Funding Amount

\$250,000 - \$2,000,000

Application and Documentation

Applications for the Competitive RISRS component may be made at any time after the Notice of Funding Opportunity is posted and until all available funding is exhausted. Information about the application and documents required is available [here](#).

Program Name

Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund
<https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/chicago-small-business-resiliency-fund/>

Lenders

Chicago Community Loan Fund

Description

Good for all business types in the city of Chicago, including sole proprietors; and not for profits

Eligibility

Suffer more than 25% of loss due to COVID;
Fewer 50 employees and revenue less than \$3M;
50% of employees must reside in Chicago Business located in Chicago; in operations for at least 1 year,
No liens or judgments

Uses of Funds

Loan Terms

Low-interest loans, repayment period: up to five years

Loan Forgiveness

N/A

Processing and Disbursement

As soon as possible

Application and Documentation

Required documentation for the application

- Bank statements dating back to October 2019
- Your most recent tax return
- Debt checks and credit checks will occur but will not disqualify you
- Photo ID (CityKey will be accepted)

Apply here <https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/chicago-small-business-resiliency-fund/>

Questions

FAQ is listed here

<https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/chicago-small-business-resiliency-fund/>

Closed April 24 at 5pm (cst)

Program Name

Arts For Illinois
<https://artsforillinois.org/>

Lender

The fund is a partnership between the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, the broader philanthropic community, and the residents of Illinois. The Arts for Illinois Relief Fund is administered by Arts Alliance Illinois in partnership with 3Arts and Arts Works Fund, long-standing and trusted service organizations and grantmakers.

Description

Because of the magnitude of this crisis, we anticipate more requests for funding than there are funds to distribute. Although there is no explicit deadline, it may be necessary to close the applications when the funds are expended. Should additional funding become available, the applications will reopen. Applicants who have applied before closure, but have not yet been considered, will not need to reapply should the applications reopen.

Eligibility N/A

Uses of Funds Varied

Funding Amount Varied

Loan Terms N/A

Loan Forgiveness N/A

Processing and Disbursement N/A

Application and Documentation

Apply here <https://artsforillinois.org/donate-and-apply>

Program Name Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund (CCRF)

Administrator Chicago Community Trust, United Way

Description

In collaboration with the City of Chicago, The Chicago Community Trust and United Way of Metro Chicago launched the Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund to unite the funds raised by Chicago’s philanthropies, corporations and individuals to be disbursed to nonprofit organizations across the region. PRIORITIZING FACTORS (4/13/2020 Round)

Populations: African Americans, Latinx, undocumented immigrants, aging adults, families with children, individuals surviving domestic violence, people with disabilities, justice-involved individuals
Geographic priorities: communities with high instances of confirmed cases of COVID-19 (rate or number), high rates of chronic disease, and poverty in the Chicago region (City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Kendall County, Lake County, McHenry County & Will County)

Intersectional & Data-Driven: priority will be given to organizations with services that are cross-cutting and driven by real time data (e.g., increase access to health care for Black residents at high risk of contracting COVID-19; provide direct financial assistance to undocumented workers unable to access relief from the CARES Act)

Amount Vary

Uses of Funds FOCUS AREAS (4/13/2020 Round)

- Access to Health Care (grants range from \$25K-\$100K)
- Stable Housing, Emergency Shelter & Supportive Services (grants range from \$25K-\$100k)
- Community Hubs Providing Emergency Supplies, Financial Assistance, or Outreach (grants at \$25K)

Apply Here

Grants not currently being accepted. For grant guidelines for 4/13/20 round, visit here <https://www.chicagocovid19responsefund.org/images3/CCRF-GrantGuidelines.pdf>

General questions & inquiries about the Fund can be directed to United Way of Metro Chicago’s COVID-19 Response Fund Processing Center at help@liveunitedchicago.org

Program Name

Critical Response Fund for Grassroot Groups

Administrator

Crossroads Fund

Description

To continue the legacy of responding quickly and centering the leadership of people who are most directly impacted, including people of color, women, the LGBT community, we are encouraging current grantees to apply for the Critical Response Fund. Given the political moment, the fund will provide organizations with funding to protect, empower and support community members in this time of crisis. In addition, we seek to support work that radically reimagines community care, expands our notion of what is possible, and orients toward building the world we need.

Amount

Applicants may request between \$3,000 - \$5,000. Organizations with budgets of \$300,000 or less will be prioritized.

Uses of Funds

Funding requests can be for the following:

***Community-based mutual aid efforts (Click here for more info on mutual aid)

Unexpected policy changes that place community members in harm's way, and that require an immediate response

Training and convening people to strategize, build their power, promote healing and create community solidarity (including virtual strategies)

Forward-thinking initiatives focused on long-term transformation, new experiments in building the world that we want

Building organizational capacity to do strategic base building that grows our organizing community, and also to build new coalitions and partnerships

Supporting an organization's digital infrastructure

Apply Here

<https://crossroadsfund.org/critical-response-fund>

Program Name

Emergency Relief Fund

Administrator

A Better Chicago

Description

Program Description Projects and initiatives providing assistance to low-income youth and families experiencing significant hardship due to COVID-19. The focus is on with Black and Latinx youth due to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on these communities and the systemic inequities that exist in Chicago.

Amount

The plan is to make grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000 over three to six months.

Uses of Funds

Providing direct financial support (e.g. stipends to students who have lost work) Providing essential goods and services (e.g. groceries)
Rapidly innovating to continue delivering high-quality programming (e.g. virtual instruction)

Apply Here

<https://www.abetterchicago.org/emergencyrelief/relief-fund-application>

Program Name

**Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation
COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund (Loan)**
[https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/
news/2020/3/15/resources-for-restaurants-and-](https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/news/2020/3/15/resources-for-restaurants-and-)

Administrator

Varied

Program Description

25% for nonprofit organizations serving restaurant workers in crisis

50% for direct relief to individual restaurant workers

25% for zero-interest loans for restaurants to get back up and running

Nonprofit eligibility

See the Q&A Section for a separate grant opportunity
<https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/covid19faq>

Uses of Funds

Varied

Amount

TBD

Terms

0% interest loans

Loan Forgiveness

N/A

Processing and Disbursement Time

N/A

Application and Documentation
<https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/>

Program Name

Hispanics in Philanthropy COVID-19

Rapid Response Migration Fund

(https://hiponline.org/hip-covid-19-rapid-response-migration-fund-funder-note/?mc_cid=b0f9b13aa9&mc_eid=23c6baabc1)

Program Description

The COVID-19 Rapid Response Migration Fund (currently totaling \$200,000) will provide emergency mini-grants to frontline organizations responding to the immediate needs of migrants and refugees to respond to the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nonprofit eligibility

The Fund will support HIP's current Migration and Forced Displacement grantees and other organizations nominated by HIP's current funders and partner organizations.

Uses of Funds

Mini-grant funds will help bring front-line immigrant serving organizations the resources they need to develop and launch emergency protocols, cover unexpected costs due to office closures or disrupted revenue streams, shift their service provisions, and address other unforeseen impacts of the ongoing pandemic.

Amount

Mini- grant

Terms

N/A

Loan Forgiveness

N/A

Processing and Disbursement Time

N/A

Application and Documentation

If you are a current grantee of HIP's Migration and Forced Displacement program reach out to your program officer or Amalia at amalia.brindisdelgado@hiponline.org for more information.

Program Name

LISC - Chicago State Farm Small Business Rescue Fund

Administrator

LISC - Chicago

Description

LISC has received a \$10 million low-interest loan through State Farm’s Good Neighbor Relief response to COVID-19 to help Chicago and Central Illinois small business owners and nonprofit organizations work through the economic fallout from the pandemic. With the loan, LISC will establish a Small Business Rescue Fund to distribute loans to small businesses and nonprofit social enterprises for urgent needs, including operational costs like paying employees, vendors and rent.

Amount

TBA

Uses of Funds

Women-, minority- and veteran-led small businesses that provide vital goods, services and jobs in communities most in danger of permanent closure
Nonprofit social enterprises with revenues of less than \$5 million
Small Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) with missions to support small businesses

Apply here

If you feel the product would meet your needs, [please fill out this questionnaire](#) so that we can determine if and how we can best support your business.

OTHER NON FOR PROFIT RESOURCES

BoardEffect

To support nonprofits during the COVID-19 crisis, BoardEffect is offering its board management software solution free of charge to small 501(c)(3) organizations.

Visit their website [here](https://www.boardeffect.com/boardeffect-free-for-small-nonprofits-covid-19/) <https://www.boardeffect.com/boardeffect-free-for-small-nonprofits-covid-19/>

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

They are compiling COVID-19-related information and resources on their website that may be helpful to nonprofits and small businesses.

[Click here](#) for resources.

Forefront COVID-19 Response Funds

In order to support both donors and nonprofits during this uncertain time, Forefront has compiled a list of emergency funds and other collective actions that have been created across the state in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. <https://myforefront.org/covid-19-philanthropic-fund-list/>

Giving Compass Coronavirus and COVID-19 Funds

Find a range of vetted funds addressing immediate and long-term needs related to coronavirus and COVID-19.

Good Jobs Institute

Good Jobs Institute: COVID-19 Worker Relief Funds, Company Actions, and Impact on Frontline Workers
<https://goodjobsinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Good-Jobs-Lens-on-COVID-19-Responses-3.17.2020.pdf>

Nonprofit Finance Fund

COVID-19 Tools and Resources for Nonprofits

<https://nff.org/covid-19-tools-and-resources-nonprofits>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS

These organizations administer a number of the programs mentioned, and they work with for profit businesses and nonprofits alike.

Microlenders

Microlender makes small loans to very small businesses in the community, typically less than \$50,000.

Accion Chicago

Accion Chicago is a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), SBA micro-lending intermediary, and SBA Community Advantage lender. Provides loans up to \$100,000. Accion is administering the IL DCEO Hospitality Grant, as well. <http://www.accionchicago.org/>

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives Micro Finance Group (CNIMFG)

CNIMFG provides credit to small businesses that do not have access to loans from commercial sources. CNIMFG offers loans from \$500 to \$100,000 for established businesses and start-up businesses as well as credit builder loans ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 with terms from 6 to 72 months. <https://cnimfg.org/>

South Side Community Federal Credit Union

SSCFU's mission is to equalize economic power and to fight poverty by improving financial literacy and providing access to credit and savings services for its members. They are working to create and maintain an accessible, full-service federal credit union organization, which is owned and managed by its members. <http://www.southsidecommunityfcu.org/>

Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)

To support clients across their 9-state region, the WBDC is helping clients navigate the recent U. S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. They also offer loans targeted towards businesses with less than \$1 Million in annual revenue, \$25,000-\$50,000. Businesses, including start-ups, may be eligible regardless of time in business, or size of business. <https://www.wbdc.org/>

WBDC Direct Lending Program (Restricted for State of Illinois Clients)

<https://www.wbdc.org/established-programs/access-to-capital/micro-finance-program/>



Chicago Community Loan Fund (CCLF)

Focus Area

Housing, community facilities, retail, social enterprises/worker and food co-ops

Loan Types

Pre-development/gap; construction; permanent mortgage; working capital/equipment (e.g. social enterprises and select for profit business types)

Amounts \$5,000 – \$5M

Terms Varied

More Information <https://cclfchicago.org/lending/#loans>



Connect2Capital

Focus Area

Connect2Capital is the first online network of its kind to bring mission-driven lenders and referral partners including banks and financial institutions, together to help small businesses find the funding they need to flourish today and tomorrow.

Loan Types Varied

Amounts Varied

Terms Varied

More Information <https://www.connect2capital.com/>



Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF)

Focus Area

Paycheck protection loan (SBA 7a Emergency Loan)
Manufacturing (food, machinery, computer); Patient
Capital Loan

Loan Types

Commercial real estate, business acquisition, equipment,
debt refinance, and permanent working capital.

Amounts \$150,000 to \$4 mill

Terms Varied

More Information <https://crfusa.com/sba-paycheck-protection-program-loans-from-crf/>



IFF	
Focus Area	Facilities; Affordable Housing; New Market Tax Credits
Loan Types	Facilities; facilities improvement; vehicle and equipment
Amounts	\$10,000 - \$2,000,000
Terms	5-15 year
More Information	https://iff.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Loan_ProgramOverview.pdf



LISC	
Focus Area	Housing, Health Care, Education, Real Estate, Business
Loan Types	Facilities; facilities improvement; vehicle and equipment; working capital for small businesses
Amounts	Up to \$5M
Terms	Varied
More Information	https://www.lisc.org/our-model/lending/loan-products/



Seaway, a division of Self Help Federal Credit Union

Focus Area	Small Business; Consumer; Commercial and Residential Real Estate
Loan Types	Facilities; facilities improvement; vehicle and equipment; working capital for small businesses
Amounts	Varied
Terms	Varied
More Information	https://www.self-helpfcu.org/business/loans/small-business-loans



SomerCor	
Focus Area	SBA 7(a) Community Advantage , SBA 504
Loan Types	Real estate purchase, renovation, fixed equipment
Amounts	Up to \$5.5M
Terms	Up to 25 years
More Information	https://somercor.com/

OTHER SUPPORT

American Express Working Capital Assistance, and Waiving of Interest & Late Fees

American Express - As an eligible* American Express Business Card Member, you can enroll once with no credit check¹, then get ongoing access to funds between \$500 and \$150,000 per loan to pay vendors as often as you need². AmEx pays your vendor directly. Fees are between 0.6% - 1.75% for 30 days, 1.2% - 3.5% for 60 days, or 1.8% -5.25% for 90 days, and are subject to change. More information is [here](#)

<https://www.americanexpress.com/us/business/financing/working-capital-terms/index.html>

Banking Support

Check with your local banking partner, many are offering waivers on monthly service fees, waiving penalties, offering payment deferrals and loan modifications, but you must call to request hardship assistance and may need some way to document the COVID impact on your business.

Facebook Small Business Grant

Application has not opened yet, but an interest form can be completed here. Grant amount is anticipated to be about \$3000 (in cash and ad credit) [Facebook \\$100M Small Business Grants Program](#)

Google Business Support

As communities throughout the world respond to COVID-19 (coronavirus), we know that this time presents unique challenges for businesses. Here are some tips and recommendations to help you navigate this for your employees and customers. [Google Business Support here](#)

Honeycomb Credit - Crowdfunding Loan

Honeycomb is offering 45-day payment free periods, 6-month interest-only periods and reducing posting, success, and investor fees.- Honeycomb Crowdfunded Small Business Relief Loan (all business) <https://www.honeycombcredit.com/relief>

Kiva Crowdfunding Loan

Kiva offers zero interest, crowd funding loans up to \$15,000.

COVID-19 Response and Support for Local Businesses Yelp

Yelp is offering advertising credits for small, independently owned restaurants and bars.

City Of Chicago's Neighborhood Business Development Centers

The following is a list of City of Chicago, Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), Neighborhood Business Development Centers (NBDC) program grantees providing free remote/virtual assistance to business owners <https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/bacp/general/COVID-19/NBDCsProvidingCSBRLFApplicationSupportList.pdf>

Small Business Development Centers

Illinois Small Business Development Centers are located throughout the state and provide information, confidential business guidance, training and other resources to start-up and existing small businesses. Find your local SBDC here <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/BeginHere/pages/sbdc.aspx>