

7th District Small Business Restoration Grant

Ends on Fri, Feb 16, 2024 5:00 PM

Eligibility:

- Eligible businesses must have 25 or fewer W2 employees
- Operate an independently-owned brick-and-mortar business legally in the 7th District service area. (click [here](#) for 7th District map)
- Businesses that received IL B2B, BIG grants, or any other pandemic-related financial support ARE eligible to apply.
- If chosen, businesses must agree to become a subgrantee of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and sign a sub-grantee agreement.

The following businesses and organizations are NOT eligible to apply:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Home-based businesses
- Private clubs or businesses that limit membership for reasons other than capacity
- A business that derives at least 33% of its gross annual revenue from legal gambling activities
- A business engaged in pyramid sales, where a participant's primary incentive is based on the sales made by an ever-increasing number of participants
- A business engaged in activities that are prohibited by federal law or applicable law in the jurisdiction where the business is located or conducted. (Included in these activities is the production, servicing, or distribution of otherwise legal products that are to be used in connection with an illegal activity, such as selling drug paraphernalia or operating a motel that knowingly permits illegal prostitution)
- A business principally engaged in teaching, instructing, counseling, or indoctrinating religion or religious beliefs, whether in a religious or secular setting
- A government-owned business entity (except for businesses owned or controlled by a Native American tribe)

- A business primarily engaged in political or lobbying activities
- A business that manufactures or sells at wholesale tobacco products or that manufactures or sells firearms at wholesale or retail
- A strip club
- A business in which a majority owner has a financial or familial connection to a director, principal shareholder or leadership member of the Department or Department's partner under the program.

Applications must include the following:

- A valid form of government-issued photo identification
- 2022 Business IRS tax returns with income of at least \$10,000
- Proof of good standing with the State of Illinois (unless the business is a sole proprietorship that does not file documents with the State annually)
- Proof of a current business license with the City of Chicago
- Provide a W-9 form signed in 2023

Timeline

- Application Available: December 12, 2023
- Applications Due: 5 pm CT on February 16, 2024
- Grant Recipients Announced: April 2024
- Funds Disbursed: May 1 - June 30, 2024

Partners

This grant is made possible by the following organizations:

- [Illinois State Senator Mike Simmons - 7th District of Illinois](#)
- [Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity](#)
- [Andersonville Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Edgewater Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Rogers Park Business Alliance](#)
- [Uptown Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Swell Virtual Assistance LLC](#)

Name of Applying Business*

Business Corporate Name and DBA if applicable

Primary Contact*

First Name

Last Name

Principal of the business

Physical Street Address of Business*

City*

Select...

State*

Select...

Zip Code*

Select...

Primary Contact Email Address*

All communication will occur through this email address. Should be email address of the principal of the business

Primary Contact Phone Number*

Phone should be the primary contact number for the principal of the business

Race of Principal Business Owner*

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African-American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Prefer to self describe

Prefer not to say

Ethnicity of Principal Business Owner*

Hispanic/Latine

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latine

Prefer not to say

Principal Business Owner identifies as: (check all that apply)*

Low-income

Disabled

Immigrant

Refugee

LGBTQ+

Woman

Recently reintegrated

None of the above

Is the location of the business you're applying for located in the grant service area? See link to map below.*

Yes

No

To see if your business is located in the Illinois State Senate 7th District, [view the map here](#).

Did your business open before 12/31/2021?*

Yes

No

What date did the applying business open?*

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Business Entity Type (select one)*

Individual/Sole proprietor

Single member LLC

C corp

S corp

Partnership

Trust

LLC

Other

How many employees do you have?*

26+

21-25

16-20

11-15

6-10

0-5

Report only full or part-time employees, not contractors.

Provide a copy or upload of your City of Chicago Business License *

Take a photo and attach. If you are unsure, you can find more information here:

<https://webapps1.chicago.gov/AccountServices/login.jsp>

Provide a copy or upload your valid, government-issued photo identification*

Valid forms of identification include a Drivers License, Chicago CityKey, or Passport.

Provide a copy or upload your signed W-9 form.*

Upload a copy of your W-9 form signed in 2023.

Steps to complete and upload your W-9

1. Follow this link: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>
2. Save completed W-9 using the naming convention **businessname_YEAR.pdf**
3. Upload file above.

Provide a copy or upload your 2022 Filed Business Tax Returns*

[Choose File](#)

Is your business in danger of closing? (select YES or NO)*

Yes

No

In 2-3 sentences, please tell us how \$10,000 will help your business. *

Limit: 500 words

How did you find out about the DCEO 7th District Small Business Restoration Grant? (check all that apply)*

Through advertising or communications from my local chamber of commerce

From Senator Mike Simmons or through his office communications

From another business owner

Stumbled upon it online

Other

By checking this box, I certify that my business is not any of the following:*

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By signing my name below, I attest that all information included in this application is true and the supporting documents have not been altered or updated such that the information contained therein would be false or inaccurate. *

First Name Middle Initial (optional) Last Name