

COVID-19 Business Resources and Information



The Village of Bartonville continues to assemble resources and information from the State of Illinois and the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council for the business community regarding COVID-19.



Please visit the Illinois Liquor Control Commission website for guidance regarding COVID-19 related developments within the liquor industry.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/ilcc/Pages/Home.aspx>



Emergency Small Business Grants and Loans Assistance

DCEO is working with partners to launch emergency assistance programs for Illinois small businesses. These initiatives include:

Hospitality Emergency Grant Program

To help hospitality businesses make ends meet in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, DCEO is launching the Hospitality Emergency Grant Program with \$14 million drawn from funds originally budgeted for job training, tourism promotion, and other purposes. Grant funds are available to support working capital like payroll and rent, as well as job training, retraining, and technology to support shifts in operations, like increased pick-up and delivery. Bars and restaurants that generated between \$500K and \$1M in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$25,000, and bars and restaurants that generated less than \$500K in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$10,000. Hotels that generated less than \$8M in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$50,000.

Who is eligible?

Bars and restaurants with a valid license to serve food or liquor and who generated revenues of less than \$1 million in 2019. Hotels with a valid license (hotels, motels other lodging establishments) and who generated revenues of less than \$8 million in 2019.

What can grant funds be used for?

For bars and restaurants, based on the businesses needs identified in the grant application, funds can be used to support working capital (rent, payroll, and other accounts payable), job training (such as new practices

related to take out, delivery and sanitation) and technology enabling new operations as well as other costs to implement that technology.

For hotels, funds can be used as working capital to support the retention of employees.

How do businesses apply?

Businesses can submit an application online here: [Landing Page](#), [English Application](#), [Spanish Application](#).

Applications for awards will be accepted until 5:00pm on April 1st, and winners will be chosen via a lottery, therefore, there is no benefit to submitting an application first as long as a valid, complete application is received by the deadline.

<https://us.accion.org/news/covid-19-hospitality-business-grant-program/>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ilgrant>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IlgrantS>

How much money is available?

\$14 million is available under this program.

- Bars and restaurants that generated less than \$500,000 in annual revenue last year will be eligible for up to \$10,000.
- Bars and restaurants that generated between \$500,000 and \$1M in annual revenue last year will be eligible for up to \$25,000.
- Hotels that generated less than \$8 million in annual revenue last year will be eligible for up to \$50,000.

How soon will businesses receive funds?

Accion will notify businesses on April 4th if they have received an award. Accion and DCEO are striving to make funds available to awarded businesses within two days of receiving the necessary bank information from an awarded grantee.



Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund

DCEO and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) are establishing the Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund to offer small businesses low interest loans of up to \$50,000.

Businesses located outside of the City of Chicago with fewer than 50 workers and less than \$3 million in revenue in 2019 will be eligible to apply. Successful applicants will owe nothing for six months and will then begin making fixed payments at a below market interest rate for the remainder of a five-year loan term.

Starting this Friday, March 27th, interested businesses will be able to express interest with:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c75a9b0557564704a73a0afc1eba81b2>

Summary of Senate Relief Package

On 3/26/2020 the US Senate passed a \$2 trillion relief package aimed at helping individuals, businesses, hospitals and communities impacted by coronavirus. The bill will be taken up by the House in the next few days and is expected to be immediately signed by the President. The International Economic Development

Council has an excellent summary of the basic elements of the relief bill:

https://www.iedconline.org/clientuploads/Emails/IEDC_Stimulus_Update.pdf

Greater Peoria EDC will be monitoring this bill and cataloging information about programs and funds available.

Mandatory Employer Posting

The US Department of Labor mandates that employers post “in a conspicuous place” information regarding the elements of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The mandatory poster can be found:

https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/posters/FFCRA_Poster_WH1422_Non-Federal.pdf

USDOL as has published a Q&A about the poster:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-poster-questions>

Of note regarding companies who have a considerable number of teleworkers at the moment, USDOL advises that the requirement may be satisfied by emailing, direct mailing, and/or posting on external or internal websites.

USDA Assistance to Rural Communities and Businesses

USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Rural Development will keep our customers, partners, and stakeholders continuously updated as more actions are taken to better serve rural America. Read

- https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_RD_SA_COVID19_ProgramImmediateActions.pdf

Recommended Guidance for Large Businesses

The Illinois Department of Public Health has published guidance for avoiding the spread of COVID-19 in large businesses [here](#).

RESOURCE REQUESTS

Community Foundation of Central Illinois: Requesting monetary donations for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. Information <https://communityfoundationci.org/>.

OSF Healthcare: OSF seeking personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other supplies. Information [here](#).

Peoria Innovation Alliance: PIA is gathering the maker community to discuss ways individuals and small companies can make supplies like masks. Information-

<https://peoriainnovationalliance.org/makersupport>

We continue to assemble resources and information for the business community regarding COVID-19. Please visit www.gpcovid.com for a complete list of business resources and send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.



Disaster assistance

The SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters.



BUSINESS ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™



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