



Illinois
Department of Commerce
 & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program

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Key Stats

BIG Recipients	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants	Grant Amount	Percentage of Funds
Minority-Owned	3,612	40%	\$89M	32%
Woman-Owned	3,361	37%	\$86M	31%
Under \$1M in Annual Revenue	7,411	82%	\$222M	80%
In Disproportionately Impacted Areas	4,219	47%	\$117M	42%
In Downstate* Counties	3,156	35%	\$105M	38%

*Counties that did not receive their own allocation of federal CRF (Cook, Lake, DuPage, Will and Kane).

Awards by Business Revenues

2019 Revenues	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants	Grant Amount	Percentage of Funds
Under \$500K	5,972	66%	\$176M	64%
\$500K to \$1M	1,439	16%	\$45M	16%
\$1M to \$2M	1,022	11%	\$34M	12%
\$2M to \$5M	507	6%	\$18M	7%
Over \$5M	61	1%	\$3M	1%

To be eligible for BIG, businesses, must have been operating for at least three months prior to March 2020.

Awards by Industry

Type of Industry	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants	Grant Amount	Percentage of Funds
Restaurants and Bars	3,769	42%	\$133M	48%
Gyms and Fitness Centers	637	7%	\$16M	6%
Event spaces, concert venues, and performing arts venues	520	6%	\$25M	9%
Indoor Recreation	271	3%	\$17M	6%
Support services for arts and events	536	6%	\$21M	8%
Tourism and Travel	516	6%	\$28M	10%
Other priority and heavily impacted industries*	1,225	14%	\$27M	10%

* "Other priority and heavily impacted industries" include personal care services, including barbershops and salons; amusement parks; charter/shuttle buses; movie theaters, and museums. There is a small amount of overlap between these categories (e.g. some restaurants that are also event spaces).

Awards by Recipient Race/Ethnicity

Race or Ethnicity	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants	Grant Amount	Percentage of Funds	Ownership Employer Firms in IL	Ownership Non-Employer Firms in IL*
White or Caucasian	4,500	50%	\$153M	55%	78%	68%
Black or African American	1,089	12%	\$ 17M	6%	2%	13%
Hispanic or Latinx	770	9%	\$ 18M	7%	5%	10%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1,569	17%	\$ 48M	17%	9%	7%
American Indian, Indigenous, Native American, or Alaskan Native	33	0.4%	\$ 1M	0.4%	0%	0%
Multiracial	151	2%	\$ 4M	1%		
Prefer not to respond	889	10%	\$ 34M	12%		
TOTAL	9,001		\$276M			

Note: Data on race of business owner for grant recipients reflects self-response by applicant. Source for the race of ownership for employer and non-employer firms in Illinois is the Census Survey of Business Owners (SBO) and the Census Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics (NES-D). Non-employer firms mainly consist of sole proprietors, contractors, freelance workers, etc.

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