



**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	3,597	40%	\$88M	32%
Woman-Owned	3,347	37%	\$85M	31%
Under \$1M in Annual Revenue	7,381	82%	\$221M	80%
In Disproportionately Impacted Areas	4,211	47%	\$116M	42%
In Downstate* Counties	3,157	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	5,941	66%	\$176M	64%
\$500K to \$1M	1,440	16%	\$45M	16%
\$1M to \$2M	1,021	11%	\$34M	12%
\$2M to \$5M	508	6%	\$18M	6%
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	3,747	42%	\$133M	48%
Gyms and Fitness Centers	636	7%	\$16M	6%
Event spaces, concert venues, and performing arts venues	518	6%	\$25M	9%
Indoor Recreation	269	3%	\$17M	6%
Support services for arts and events	535	6%	\$21M	8%
Tourism and Travel	515	6%	\$28M	10%
Other priority and heavily impacted industries*	2,105	23%	\$53M	19%

\* "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	4,478	50%	\$152M	55%	78%	68%
Black or African American	1,084	12%	\$ 17M	6%	2%	13%
Hispanic or Latinx	765	9%	\$ 18M	7%	5%	10%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1,565	17%	\$ 48M	17%	9%	7%
American Indian, Indigenous, Native American, or Alaskan Native	34	0.4%	\$ 1M	0.4%	0%	0%
Multiracial	149	2%	\$ 4M	1%		
Prefer not to respond	899	10%	\$ 35M	13%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,974</b>		<b>\$275M</b>			

*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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