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ILLINOIS BUSINESS INTERRUPTION GRANT PROGRAM (BIG)

- » **Historic recovery program created by Governor JB Pritzker as part of the statewide COVID-19 emergency response**
- » **Recognizes enormous burden seen by businesses across Illinois as a result of COVID-19 and civil unrest**
- » **Immediate relief for hardest hit businesses and sectors, prioritizing those unable to operate due to extended closure or other effects of the crisis**
- » **Provides equitable allocation of federal aid to every corner of the state**
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BIG FUNDING

Helps businesses offset:



REVENUE LOSSES



PAYROLL COSTS



RENT



UTILITIES



OTHER WORKING CAPITAL

BIG FIRST ROUND GRANTS

- » Released in August 2020
- » \$46 million released in first round for businesses hardest hit
- » Focused on sectors including restaurants/bars, barbershops/salons, gyms/fitness centers, and businesses located in severely distressed communities

GOAL

- » Revive local, small businesses with future rounds prioritizing other hard hit sectors found in every community
- » Rapid relief for businesses hit hardest by COVID-19 closures, including minority-owned businesses
- » Support reopening of small businesses and the Illinois economy

BIG FUTURE ROUND GRANTS

- » Available for businesses that remain closed or are operating at severely diminished capacity
- » Substantial portion for childcare providers via DHS (providers may apply for these funds until August 14th at this [link](#))
- » Check the DCEO website for frequent updates on future rounds, eligibility, and applications