

Rebuild Illinois for Distressed Communities Grant Application

Program Summary

The Rebuild Illinois for Distressed Communities grant program supports Illinois businesses that have sustained property damage as a result of civil unrest during protests and demonstrations on or after May 25, 2020. This program is being administered by Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Chicago Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) on behalf of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The capital funds will be used to reimburse Illinois businesses for significant repairs to property that has already occurred **or** will fund repairs or new construction performed by qualified vendors in order to help the business and community recover as quickly as possible.

Funds to make repairs or perform new construction through the **Rebuild Illinois for Distressed Communities** program will be from the Rebuild Illinois Program funded by Public Act 101-0638.

This application form captures preliminary information for a business seeking reimbursement or support from Rebuild Illinois for Distressed Communities. Before proceeding, LISC and CNI recommends that respondents read the online [FAQ](#) for more information about this round of the Rebuild Illinois for Distressed Communities Grant Opportunity.

Terms and Conditions

Awards will be made to qualified businesses, and eligibility is based on accurate and complete submission.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity prioritizes the awards of subgrants and new projects to small business owners under 50 employees, women and minority-owned business owners, those who are uninsured or underinsured, grocery stores and pharmacies, and those living in communities with a history of disinvestment.

If your business is selected as a finalist, you will be notified via email. Being selected as a finalist does not guarantee a grant will be awarded. As a finalist, additional documentation will be required, including date of birth, Taxpayer Identification Number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN/ITIN) and/or Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the applicant and/or the business in order for us to perform the due diligence required by the program's funding source. This due diligence inquiry may include a background search that we will conduct at our expense. If the due diligence step is successfully completed, and the business is seeking reimbursements only, we will ask for W-9 and appropriate banking information so that we may transfer funds electronically by ACH to your designated account.

Privacy: Accuracy and completeness of information provided through the application process is the responsibility of each applicant. Applications submitted to the portal remain confidential to the general public and any fellow applicants. Certain applications from businesses in specific zip codes may be shared with Chicago Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI). By submitting application, applicants give their express permission to share this information with CNI. Applicants will not hold LISC, its affiliates, members, partners, and staff liable for any losses, damages, costs, or expenses, of any kind relating to the use or the adequacy, accuracy, or completeness of any information loaded in the form. For further information please see [LISC's privacy policy](#). Data entered on this secure form utilizes FormAssembly. [More info](#).

Conflict of Interest: Current directors, officers, employees and contractors of LISC,CNI and such individuals' family members (spouse, parents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and spouses of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren) are not eligible to apply or seek an award.

Publicity: Until notified, applicants must agree not to share any status as a finalist publicly, including but not limited to all social media platforms, news media, or local publications.

Monitoring: LISC and CNI may monitor and conduct evaluation activity funded by the Rebuild Illinois Distressed Communities Grant. This might involve a review of quantitative or qualitative data needed to understand the impact of the fund.

Submission Guidance: Application changes will not be accepted once it has been submitted, so please review it carefully. You will need to attach .pdf's and photos to document your request. These files should be available on the device you are using to complete your application. You may elect to save and continue your application later by selecting that option on top of the application and creating a password. If you forget your password, LISC cannot retrieve or reset it. LISC does not guarantee that your progress will be saved if you leave the web page before submitting the application. You may also lose your work if your internet is disconnected, or as a result of other potential web browser issues.

You will see a confirmation page after successful completion of this application.

1. I acknowledge I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated above:

- Yes
- No

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2. Are you completing this application as the lead business owner?

- Yes, I am the lead business owner.
- No, I am completing application on behalf of the lead business owner.
Please provide information for the lead business owner.

Lead Business Owner Information

Each grant is limited to one grant per individual and business tax ID.

3.1 First Name

3.2 Middle Name

3.3 Last Name(s)

4. Primary Email for Contact- This email will be used for all LISC and CNI communication during the application process. Please make sure correct address is provided.

4.1 Secondary Email for Contact: (Optional)

5. What is the best phone number to reach the business?

5.1 Business Permanent Phone Number (numbers only - no dashes)

5.2 Business Owner's Phone Number (numbers only - no dashes)

Business Information

6.1 Website (*Hint: if none put N/A*)

6.2 Primary Business Social Media Address (Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram) (*Hint: if none put N/A*)

6.3 Legal Business Name - Enter the business name as reported on all Federal forms (taxes, W-9, etc.). Include doing business as (dba), if applicable.

6.4 Primary Business Street Address - Enter the Full street address where day to day operations take place - example: 1100 Wilson Street

6.5 Primary Business City/Town

6.6 Primary Business State / Territory

6.7 Primary Business Zip Code

7. Alternative Business Information

7.1 Does the primary business address above serve as the registered legal business address (address used on all Federal forms (taxes, W-9, etc.)?)

- Yes
- No – if no then 7.2 -7.5 required

7.2 If not, enter the registered legal business street address:

7.3 Registered Business City/Town

7.4 Registered Business State / Territory

7.5 Registered Business Zip Code

8. How did you hear about Illinois Rebuild Distressed Communities Grand business grant program?

- Facebook
- Instagram
- LISC / CNI Website
- Television
- Twitter
- IL DCEO Website
- None of the Above

Additional Business Information

9. Structure of Business (You may be required to show proof of ownership)

- Corporation
- Sole Proprietorship
- Limited Liability Company
- Partnership (General and Limited)
- Nonprofit — *(if applicant selects Non-profit then they will be prompted to answer 9.1)*
- Other - Please specify

9.1 Please specify type of nonprofit (i.e. 501 c3, 501 c6, etc)

10. Are you in Good Standing with the State of Illinois?

- Yes
- No

11. Do you have any outstanding debt personal or business that is due to the State of Illinois?

- Yes - *if applicant answers yes, 11.1 will be required*
- No

11.1 If you answered yes, are you on a payment arrangement plan?

- Yes
- No

12. Years in Business

- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-9 years
- 10 - 19 years
- 20 years or more

13. What was your business' gross revenue in the calendar year 2019 (1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019)?

- Less than \$100,000
- \$100,000 to \$499,999
- \$500,000 to \$999,999
- \$1,000,000 or \$2,999,999
- \$3,000,000 to \$4,999,999
- Over \$5,000,000
- My business did not have positive revenue in calendar year 2019
- My business did not exist in 2019

Total Number of Workers

The following questions ask about the number of workers at the business. For this section, full-time workers are those who work 35 hours/week or more; part-time workers are those who work less than 35 hours/week.

14. To the best of your knowledge, how many full-time workers, including yourself, did the business employ as of February 2020? Enter the digit 0 if there are no FT employees.

15. To the best of your knowledge, how many full-time workers, including yourself, does your business currently employ? Enter the digit 0 if there are no FT workers.

Primary Industry

16. What is your primary industry? (Select one)

- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (includes farms, ranches, dairies, greenhouses, nurseries, orchards, or hatcheries)

16.1 (Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting):

- Agriculture
- Fishing
- Forestry

- Hunting
- Mining, Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction (includes establishments that extract or beneficiate naturally occurring mineral solids)
- Utilities (includes provision of electric power, natural gas, steam supply, water supply, and sewage removal)
- Construction (includes general contractors, trade contractors such as painting, masonry, plumbing, electrical work, etc.)

16.1 (Construction):

- Commercial Building Construction
 - Electrical Contractor and Other Wiring Installation Contractor
 - Flooring Contractor
 - Painting and Wall Covering Contractor
 - Plumber
 - Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractor
 - Residential Building Construction
 - Residential Remodeler
 - None of the above
- Manufacturing (includes factories, makers, bakeries, candy makers, custom tailors, etc.)Wholesale Trade (includes wholesaler merchants and distributors)
 - Retail Trade (includes food stores, groceries and convenience stores, hardware stores, nurseries/garden centers, flower shops, bookstores, car dealers, apparel stores, etc.)

16.1 (Retail Trade):

- Automotive Parts & Accessories Store
- Camera / Photographic Equipment Store
- Clothing / Apparel Store
- Convenience Store
- Department Store
- Electronics Store
- Hardware Store
- Home Center Store
- Household Appliance Store
- Jewelry Store
- Musical Instrument or Supplies Store
- Optical Goods Store
- Outdoor Power Equipment Store

- Sporting Goods Store
 - Supermarket Or Other Grocery Store
 - None of the above
- Transportation and Warehousing (includes providing transportation of passengers and cargo, warehousing and storage for goods, scenic and sightseeing transportation)

16.1 (Transportation and Warehousing):

- Air Transportation
 - Coastal and Sea Passenger Transportation (Cruise Lines)
 - Freight Transportation Arrangement
 - General Freight Trucking
 - Specialized Freight Trucking
 - Taxi Services
 - Warehousing and Storage
 - None of the above
- Information (includes newspaper and periodical publishers, film producers, music and radio producers, etc.)
 - Finance and Insurance (includes banks, credit unions, savings institutions, non-depository credit institutions, insurance agencies, etc.)
 - Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (includes property management, asset management and leasing)
 - Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Scientific, and Technical Services (includes legal, accounting and tax services, architectural, engineering and design services, consulting, marketing services, veterinary services, etc.)

16.1 (Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services):

- Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services
 - Legal Services
 - Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services
 - Photographic Services
 - Scientific Research and Development Services
 - Veterinary Services
 - None of the above
- Management of Companies and Enterprises (includes establishments that administer, oversee, and manage may hold the securities of the company or enterprise)

- Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (includes establishments performing routine support activities for the day-to-day operations of other organizations, includes employment services, business support services, travel and reservation services - tourism, services to buildings and dwellings)

16.1 (Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services):

- Business Support Service
 - Investigation and Security Service
 - Landscaping Service
 - Travel Arrangement and Reservation Service (Tourism)
 - None of the above
- Educational Services (includes elementary and secondary school, technical, skills and trade training, language schools, sports and recreation instruction, etc.)

16.1 (Educational Services):

- College, University, or Professional School
 - Computer Training School
 - Elementary or Secondary School
 - Language School
 - Sports and Recreation Instruction
 - Technical/Trade School
 - None of the above
- Health Care & Social Assistance (includes office of physicians and dentists, family planning centers, nursing care, child and youth services, child day care services)

16.1 (Healthcare and Social Assistance):

- Child Day Care Service
- Dentist Office
- Physical, Occupational or Speech Therapist, or Audiologist Office
- Optometrist Office
- None of the above

16.2 (Healthcare and Social Assistance) How many people do you serve annually in your clinic, medical office, hospital, child care facility, etc.):

- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (includes theater, dance and music companies, museums, sports teams, performing artists, fitness and recreation centers, etc.)
- Accommodation and Food Services (includes hotels, restaurants, bars, mobile food vendors, etc.)

16.1 (Accommodations and Food Service):

- Caterer
 - Drinking Place (Alcoholic Beverages)
 - Hotel/Motel/Vacation Rental
 - Mobile Food Service
 - Restaurant or Other Eating Place
 - None of the above
- Other Services (includes repair and maintenance services, personal care services like nail and hair salons, spas, barbershops, dry cleaning and laundry services, etc.)

16.1 (Other Services):

- Automotive Repair and Maintenance
- Electronic and Precision Equipment Repair and Maintenance
- Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment Repair and Maintenance
- Personal and Household Goods Repair and Maintenance
- Personal Care Services (including salons)
- Dry cleaning and Laundry Services
- Other Personal Services
- Pet Care (except Veterinary) Service
- None of the above

Socioeconomic Data

The next portion of the application requests socioeconomic data related to the **lead business owner**. Please provide information based on how the lead business owner self-identifies.

17. Age

Business owners need to be at least 18 years old.

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

18. Gender

- Woman
- Man

- Non-binary
- Other
- Prefer not to say

19. Veteran

(If yes, you will need to provide DD214 information)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

20. Race/Ethnicity

(Please specify based on how the lead business owner self-identifies)

- African American/Black
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- White
- Biracial or Multiracial – *if selected, 20.1 will be appear for applicant response*
- Prefer not to say

20.1 For biracial and multiracial owners, please check all that apply:

- African American/Black
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- White
- Prefer not to say

21. Are you a certified Disability-Owned, Minority-Owned, Veteran-Owned, and/or Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (where ownership is based on 51% ownership or more)?

- *Yes if selected, 21.1 will be appear for applicant response*
- *No if selected, 21.2 will be appear for applicant response*

21.1 If yes, is your business certified with any of the following designations (check all that apply)?

- Disability-Owned Business Enterprise
- Minority-Owned Business Enterprise

- Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise
- Woman-Owned Business Enterprise

21.2 If no, would you like to be certified in any of the following (check all that apply)?

- Disability-Owned Business Enterprise
- Minority-Owned Business Enterprise
- Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise
- Woman-Owned Business Enterprise

Grant Information

22. What size grant is most useful to your business in order to complete repairs?

- \$1,000 – 10,000
- \$10,001 – 25,000
- \$25,001 – 75,000
- \$75,001 - \$150,000
- Over \$150,000

23. What is the primary purpose of this grant request?

- Reimbursement for completed repairs (*Hint, you will be required to attach receipts or invoices in question 25*)
- New Repairs to existing damages. (*Hint, if you have an estimate for repairs, you can attach to your application in question 26*)
- Reimbursement for completed repairs and additional funding to repair existing damages (*Hint, you will be required to attach receipts or invoices in question 25 and if you have an estimate for repairs, you can attach to your application in question 26*)

Project Information – All Damages must have taken place on or after May 25, 2020

24. Have you filed an Insurance Claim? Please provide details related to property damage, including coverage, deductible, or anticipated or previously received payout from insurance company. If an insurance company is denying any payments, applicants are required to include that documentation. If the business had no insurance coverage, you are required to provide a notarized letter stating such.

- Yes (*if yes, applicant will be prompted to upload documentation in 24.1, 24.2*)
- No (*if no, applicant will be prompted to upload notarized letter in 24.3*)

24.1 Upload insurance claim

24.2 Upload insurance carriers response to claim such as payment, denial, or adjustor's report

24.3 Upload notarized letter stating that business had no insurance coverage

25. Do you have receipts and invoices from repairs that were made due to damages sustained? Documentation may include work in-progress, completed, or contracted work; supplies or equipment that was purchased or rented; or other needs of the business in response to clean-up and rebuild.

(hint, you will have to attach receipts/invoices as .pdf's in question ## at end of application)

- Yes (if yes, applicant will be prompted to upload documentation in 25.1 and detail use in 25.2)
- No

25.1 Please upload all receipts in single .pdf

25.2 Please provide description of use for supplies needed for each receipt.

(Open Answer)

26. Did your business sustain physical damages due to civil unrest that have not yet been repaired?

- Yes (if yes, applicant will be prompted to upload documentation in 26.1)
- No

26.1 Do you have estimates or bids for the cost of these repairs

- Yes (if yes, applicant will be prompted to upload documentation in 26.2)
- No

26.2 Please upload all estimates or bids in single .pdf

27. Please upload a copy of your most recent bank statement.

28. Do you have photos for proof of damage?

- Yes (if no, applicant will be prompted to upload documentation in 27.1 – 27.6)
- No

28.1 Please upload exterior photo

28.2 Please upload exterior photo

28.3 Please upload exterior photo

28.4 Please upload exterior photo

28.5 Please upload interior photo

28.6 Please upload interior photo

28.7 Please upload interior photo

28.8 Please upload interior photo

29. Have you filed a police report or have other documentation that damage was sustained due to civil unrest?

- Yes *(if yes, applicant will be prompted to upload documentation in 28.1)*
- No

29.1 Upload a copy of the police report or other documentation as a .pdf

30. Select the one that best describes the business location:

- I own commercial property *(if yes, applicant will be prompted to upload documentation in 30.1)*
- I lease a commercial space for my business *(if yes, applicant will be prompted to upload documentation in 30.2 concession info in 30.3 and term in 30.4)*

30.1 Upload most recent mortgage statement or property deed

30.2 Upload current lease

30.3. If you have a business lease, has your landlord offered any rent concessions or extensions?

- Yes
- No

30.4 If you have a business lease, how many years are remaining on lease as of September 1, 2020.

- 0 - 1
- 1 – 3
- 3 – 5
- 5+

31. Are you currently behind with payments related to the business?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

32. Is your business currently closed due to damage?

- Yes
- No

33. Were you required to suspend business operations due to damage?

- Yes, If yes, how long were you closed or what is your anticipated duration of closure? (Open Answer)
- No - operated but not to full capacity
- No interruption in operations

34. To the best of your knowledge, how does your revenue in June 2020 compare to January 2020?

- Decreased by less than 20%
- Decreased between 20 and 49%
- Decreased by 50% or more
- Remained the same
- Increased
- Don't Know/No Answer

35. Please describe the financial need of the business, if the business would not be able to recover from civil unrest without this funding.

(Open Answer text field)

Project Narrative

36. Please provide a detailed summary of all clean-up/recovery actions that have taken place or are needed, and a detailed description of the damaged sustained.

(Open Answer text field)

Declined Terms

Thank you for your interest in the Rebuild Illinois for Distressed Communities Grant. We will be unable to process any grant application to your business without agreement to the terms and conditions. If you have questions or clarifications, please email us at ridc_grant@lisc.org and continue to monitor LISC Chicago, Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives and the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's website for updates on additional resources and programs.

Last Page and Submission

Final Step: Please review the information below, e-sign and submit your application:

Thank you for completing your application. Please click 'Submit' below to complete your submission.

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For general questions, please check the FAQ regularly for updates about the Rebuild Illinois for Communities Distressed Grant. For additional questions not answered by the FAQ, please email ridc_grant@lisc.org. We are monitoring this email regularly and updating our FAQ accordingly.

For data security questions, please review [LISC's Privacy Policy](#).

For updates on additional resources and programs, visit LISC Chicago, LISC Central Illinois, CNI or ILDCEO website.

By signing your name and submitting the application below, you confirm that the information provided about you and your business are true in all material respects.

Final Screen

Thank you for submitting your application to the Rebuild Illinois for Distressed Communities Grant.

Your application has been received and is under review.