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**Section 690.20 Definitions****EMERGENCY**

"Acutely Distressed Industry" means a business that has annual revenues of \$20 million or less; has been closed or is operating at a significantly diminished capacity since March 13, 2020; is likely to continue to do so until Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan; and is a member of a select industry. Select industries include, but are not limited to, amusement parks, bus operating companies, event venues, indoor recreation, movie theaters, museums, music venues, and performing arts venues.

"Affiliate" means a business that is at least 50% or more owned or controlled by another person with at least 50% ownership or control. Control is not required to be exercised to establish an affiliate relationship; it is sufficient for one person to possess the authority to control the other person to establish an affiliate relationship.

"Allotment Tier" means the classification of a county as either having received a direct allotment from the CRF or not having received a direct allotment from the CRF.

"Allowable Expenditure" means a necessary expenditure that the Department has authorized for reimbursement under the Program in accordance with Section 90 of this Part.

"Amusement Park" means a park, fairground, or recreational and entertainment complex that supplies refreshments and multiple entertainment and recreational activities, including, but not limited to, amusement parks, theme parks, water parks, and attractions.

"Applicant" means a qualifying business that applies for funding under the Program.

"Barbershops and Salons" means an entity possessing an active license under Article IIID of the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985 [225 ILCS 410], or a person possessing an active barber, cosmetologist, esthetician, nail technician, or hair braider license under that Act who is self-employed and has no employees or contractors.

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"Bus Operating Company" means a business that provides, for a third party, transportation, including the bus and driver, for a group of people from one location to another. These businesses may provide, but are not limited to, charter buses, interurban and rural buses, and shuttle services.

"Business" means a for-profit enterprise or non-profit organization lawfully conducting business in Illinois. This term does not include any business that is prohibited from receiving funds under section 5001(b) of the CARES Act.

"CARES Act" means the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136).

"Cost of Business Interruption" means:

decreases in revenue caused by closing or limiting access to the business establishment to comply with COVID-19 prevention directives or to otherwise prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the business establishment;

decreases in revenue caused by decreased customer demand as a result of the COVID-19 emergency; or

other revenue reductions approved for reimbursement from the CRF by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

"COVID-19" means *the novel coronavirus disease deemed COVID-19 by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020*. [20 ILCS 605/605-1050(g)(1)]

"COVID-19 Emergency" means the national public health emergency declared March 13, 2020.

"COVID-19 Prevention Directives" means all laws, orders, regulations, and guidance relevant to and in effect during the COVID-19 emergency that pertain to preventing the spread of COVID-19, including Executive Orders and preventative guidelines issued by the Illinois Governor, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Department, or the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"CRF" means the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the CARES Act.

"DCFS" means the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

"Department" means the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

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"Depopulation and Disposal Event" or "DDE" means swine destroyed in a 7-day period at a single location (based on premise ID) due to market supply chain disruption.

"DHS" means the Illinois Department of Human Services.

"Disproportionately Impacted Area" means those ZIP Codes most severely affected by the COVID-19 emergency, to be determined based on positive COVID-19 case per capita rates, and high rates in at least one of the following poverty-related categories relative to other ZIP Codes within their region:

share of population consisting of children age 6 to 17 in households with income less than 125% of the federal poverty level;

share of population consisting of adults over age 64 in households with income less than 200% of the federal poverty level;

share of population in household with income less than 150% of the federal poverty level; and

share of population consisting of children ages 5 and under in households with income less than 185% of the federal poverty level.

The Department, using these criteria, may determine different eligibility thresholds when allocating funding for the Allotment Tiers.

"DOA" means the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

"Downstate Illinois" includes all counties in the State of Illinois that did not receive a direct allocation from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Those counties that did receive a direct allocation are Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties.

"Eligible Loan" means *a loan of up to \$50,000 that was deemed eligible for funding under the Department's Emergency Loan Fund Program and for which repayment will be eligible for reimbursement from CRF monies pursuant to section 5001 of the CARES Act and any related federal guidance.* [20 ILCS 605/605-1050(g)(3)]

"Emergency Loan Fund Program" means *a program implemented by the Department by which the State Small Business Credit Initiative Fund is utilized to guarantee loans released by a financial intermediary or qualified partner.* [20 ILCS 605/605-1050(g)(4)]

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"Event Venue" means a business (excluding a higher education institution) that is engaged in leasing out a location for private events.

"Financial Assistance" means financial support to an Illinois business in the form of a grant, expense reimbursement, or subsidy.

"Fitness Center" means a business consisting of at least one fixed establishment that is open to members or the general public to participate in activities related to physical fitness at that location, with those activities including:

instruction, training, or assistance in physical culture, bodybuilding, exercising, weight loss, figure development, judo, karate, self-defense training, or any similar activity;

access to the business' facilities for self-directed exercise; or

membership in any group formed by a physical fitness center for any of the above purposes.

"Food and Beverage Establishment" means a restaurant or bar business enterprise consisting of at least one establishment that is licensed or otherwise permitted to sell food or beverages for on-site consumption, and does not include event spaces or banquet halls, grocery or convenience stores, night clubs or strip clubs, or a business that derives less than 80% of its gross revenue from food and beverage sales.

"GATA" means the Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act [30 ILCS 708].

"GATA Rule" means 44 Ill. Adm. Code 7000.

"Indoor Recreation" means a business that provides an indoor facility with usable indoor space designated for indoor play or fitness activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, bowling alleys, skating rinks, trampoline parks, indoor playgrounds, field houses, laser tag, arcades, and indoor sports facilities (not fitness centers).

"Leadership Member" means any:

executive officer of the Department, including the Director, Assistant Director, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief of Staff; or

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any corporate officer of an independent business entity, including the president, any vice president in charge of a principal business unit, division or function, or any "C" level executive, including, but not limited to, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or the Chief Operations Officer, who is responsible for company-wide decisions or who performs major policymaking functions.

"Livestock Management Facility" means an operation where livestock (swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, poultry, sheep, and meat goats) is primarily used in the production of food, fiber, or other products and have been, are, or will be fed, confined, maintained or stabled for a total of 45 days or more in any 12-month period.

"Microbusiness" means a business with annual sales valued at less than \$100,000 per year with fewer than 10 employees, including the owner.

"Movie Theater" means a theater where movies are shown for public entertainment.

"Museum" means an institution or entity located in Illinois that:

is operated by a 501(c)(3) organization (that is not owned or operated by a government entity);

is operated primarily for educational, scientific, historic preservation, cultural, or aesthetic purposes; and

owns, borrows, cares for, exhibits, studies, archives, or catalogs property.

"Music Venue" means a business entity that provides space for live music performance, whose primary source of revenue comes from the attendance of patrons of those performances. These venues often provide:

a defined performance and audience space;

a mixing desk and a public address system;

for the receipt of a cover charge (through ticketing or a front door entrance fee) from patrons attending a music performance; and

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marketing of specific acts through gig listings in printed or electronic publications, or through event listings in physical or electronic format.

"Necessary Expenditure" means an expenditure of funds that is eligible for reimbursement from the CRF and necessary to:

respond to the COVID-19 emergency; or

reimburse the cost of business interruption.

"Non-Profit Organization" means an organization that is registered as a non-profit corporation with the Illinois Secretary of State.

"Performing Arts Venue" means a business that provides space for various performing arts, including music, dance, drama, or similar presentations. These venues exclude organizations that primarily operate as an educational institution.

"Premises ID" means the standardized unique identifier that is permanently assigned to a physical location by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"Program" means the financial assistance program funding opportunities administered by the Department and implemented in this Part. The Department may implement financial assistance programs in cooperation with DHS and DOA to more effectively target specific industries.

"Program Participant" means the business that receives financial assistance under the Program.

"Qualified Non-profit Organization" means a community-based organization that is a certified non-profit under State or federal laws, located in modest and low-income census tracts, with a demonstrable record of serving diverse, underserved, and minority-owned small businesses.

"Qualifying Business" means *a business or organization that experienced or is experiencing business interruption due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and for which provision of financial assistance under the Program is eligible for reimbursement as prescribed by section 601(a) of the Social Security Act (42 USC) as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act, or other federal legislation addressing the COVID-19 emergency. A qualifying business includes self-employed individuals and independent contractors.* [20 ILCS 605/605-1050(g)(2)]

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"Qualified Partner" means *a financial institution or nonprofit with which the Department, or another State agency pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the Department, has entered into an agreement or contract to provide or incentivize assistance to qualifying businesses.* [20 ILCS 605/605-1050(g)(5)]

"Qualifying Small Business" means a small business that is a qualifying business, as those terms are defined in this Section.

"Restore Illinois Plan" means the framework announced by the Governor of the State of Illinois to safely reopen Illinois in five phases, with any modifications to that plan.

"Severely Disproportionately Impacted Area" means a disproportionately impacted area that has experienced heightened adverse economic conditions since March 13, 2020, which may include high rates of business closures or losses, unemployment, poverty rates, or other economic factors.

"Small Business" means a business enterprise that:

is physically operating in Illinois;

generated 51% or more of its revenue in Illinois in 2019; and

has fewer than 250 full-time employees prior to March 13, 2020 or is not dominant in its field within Illinois, as determined by the Department.

"Uniform Guidance" means the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, codified at 2 CFR 200, as amended.

(Source: Added by emergency rulemaking at 44 Ill. Reg. 13111, effective July 21, 2020, for a maximum of 150 days; amended by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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SUBPART D: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH  
THE LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM**Section 690.200 General Provisions of the Livestock Management Facilities Program  
EMERGENCY**

- a) Applicants for livestock management facilities financial assistance must submit an application to DOA for one of the following programs:
  - 1) **Swine Depopulation Program (SDP)**  
The Swine Depopulation Program covers the costs and expenses of swine producers associated with the depopulation and disposal of livestock due to the disruption of the livestock market caused by the COVID-19 emergency.
  - 2) **Agriculture Business Interruption Program (ABIP)**  
The Agriculture Business Interruption Program covers monetary losses of livestock producers due to the disruption of the livestock market caused by the COVID-19 emergency.
  - 3) **Meat and Poultry Capacity Program (MPCP)**  
The Meat and Poultry Capacity Program covers costs for operations and costs associated with facility improvements necessary to decrease or eliminate COVID-19 related slowdowns and mitigate capacity reductions.
- b) Applicants are only permitted to apply to one program established in this Subpart.
- c) Applicants must comply with all relevant State and federal laws and rules, including prevailing wage requirements, when applicable.
- d) Applications must be received by DOA on or before the deadline indicated on the application.
- e) DOA will determine, on a continuing basis, the amount of money allocated to each program established in this Subpart and may eliminate payments for a program at any time based on continuing review and assessment of the following factors:
  - 1) Initially received applications;
  - 2) Relevant industry's analysis and appraisal of the greatest need for allocation; and

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- 3) Additional information that becomes available to DOA.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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**Section 690.210 Swine Depopulation Program  
EMERGENCY**

- a) In order to qualify for financial assistance under the Swine Depopulation Program, an applicant must be a livestock owner or producer that experienced financial loss as the result of a depopulation and disposal event.
- b) Applicants for the SDP are eligible to receive financial assistance for costs associated with a DDE that occurred on or after April 15, 2020, under the following conditions:
  - 1) An applicant may receive up to \$135 for each 1000 pounds of disposed carcasses.
  - 2) An applicant is eligible to receive up to \$10,000.
  - 3) An applicant may apply for financial assistance for no more than 5 DDEs.
  - 4) An applicant who received financial assistance for carcass disposal from the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program is ineligible for the SDP.
  - 5) If an applicant is located in a disproportionately impacted area, the amount of financial assistance will be increased by 10%.
- c) Applicants of the SDP must submit the following documentation:
  - 1) Completed application;
  - 2) IRS Form W-9;
  - 3) Certification from the applicant attesting that:
    - A) The disposal of carcasses complied with the Illinois Dead Animal Disposal Act [225 ILCS 610];
    - B) The applicant did not receive financial assistance for carcass disposal from the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program; and
    - C) Depopulation was the only option because of market supply chain disruption caused by the COVID-19 emergency.

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- 4) Certification from a veterinarian containing the following:
  - A) Confirmation of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship;
  - B) Confirmation that the veterinarian has reviewed the applicant's records and that the records accurately depict the number and weight of the applicant's animals at the time of depopulation; and
  - C) Attestation that euthanasia practices were consistent with American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines.
- 5) Inventory records documenting total site inventories and dates and location of depopulation and disposal.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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**Section 690.220 Agriculture Business Interruption Program  
EMERGENCY**

- a) In order to qualify for financial assistance under the Agriculture Business Interruption Program, an applicant must be a livestock owner or producer that experienced monetary losses due to the disruption of the livestock market caused by the COVID-19 emergency.
- b) Financial assistance for losses incurred due to market disruption will be based on the following calculations:
  - 1) Swine (market ready hogs greater than 280 lbs.) – \$8/head. Pricing is calculated based on a 15-day holding period. Culled breeding stock and sow abortions are not eligible.
  - 2) Beef cattle (market ready fed cattle greater than 1,200 lbs.) – \$30/head. Pricing is calculated at 50% of a 15-day holding period. Culled breeding stock is not eligible.
  - 3) Dairy cattle (market ready animal or product) – \$1.00/hundredweight (cwt). Pricing is calculated based on the producer's production records.
  - 4) Lamb (less than 2 years of age) – \$4/head.
  - 5) Poultry – \$3/head.
  - 6) Meat Goats – \$4/head.
- c) Financial assistance under the ABIP will be issued under the following conditions:
  - 1) An applicant is eligible to receive up to \$10,000 total under ABIP.
  - 2) Eligible expenses are increased input costs and expenses associated with holding animals and animal-related products for an extended period of time, based on the calculations set forth in this Section, due to the disruption of the livestock market that occurred between April 15 and May 15, 2020.
  - 3) If an applicant is located in a disproportionately impacted area, the amount of financial assistance will be increased by 10%.

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- d) Applicants for ABIP must submit the following documentation:
- 1) Completed application;
  - 2) IRS Form W-9;
  - 3) Certification from the applicant verifying applicable losses due to the disruption in the market; and
  - 4) Inventory records documenting total site inventories and sales information.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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**Section 690.230 Meat and Poultry Capacity Program  
EMERGENCY**

- a) To be eligible to receive financial assistance under the Meat and Poultry Capacity Program, applicants must meet the following conditions:
  - 1) The applicant must be:
    - A) A USDA licensed, State licensed, or custom exempt slaughter and/or processing facility; or
    - B) A slaughter and/or processing facility that submitted an application for licensure to USDA or the State prior to the MPCP application deadline;
  - 2) The applicant must employ no more than 60 total employees;
  - 3) The applicant's license must be registered and in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State;
  - 4) The applicant's proposed or existing facility must be located in the State of Illinois;
  - 5) Expenses for approved projects must be accrued and all required documentation for reimbursement must be received by DOA by the date indicated on the application; and
  - 6) An entity/facility is only permitted to submit one application for reimbursement under this program.
- b) Financial Assistance received under MPCP may be used for:
  - 1) Costs related to expansion or improvement of an existing facility;
  - 2) Fixtures or equipment necessary to expand animal throughput, processing capacity, the amount or type of products produced, or processing speed;
  - 3) Engineering controls/barriers to reduce disease spread, including, but not limited to, plexiglass barriers/partitions, expansion of work spaces and breakrooms/cafeterias, and ventilation improvements to improve airflow;

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- 4) Development of administrative controls (policies, procedures, training and workplace practices) to reduce disease spread, including, but not limited to, development of masking, screening and disinfection policies, standard operating procedures, and additional training. This may also include the resources necessary to execute these policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, facial coverings, facial shields, thermometers, hand washing stations and supplies, hand sanitizers and dispensers, environmental disinfection supplies, multilingual signage, videos and/or infographics on COVID-19 related information, and policies and procedures; and
  - 5) Equipment necessary for compliance with the federal hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) plan.
- c) Financial assistance received under MPCP cannot be used for:
- 1) Wages or salaries;
  - 2) Travel costs;
  - 3) Any part of a project that has already been reimbursed by another federal or State grant program;
  - 4) Purchase of a building/facility; or
  - 5) Land acquisition or associated fees.
- d) Financial Assistance under MPCP will be issued under the following conditions:
- 1) An applicant, including any parent company, affiliate, and subsidiary, is eligible to receive up to \$25,000.
  - 2) Eligible payments will be made after the applicant provides DOA with documentation demonstrating that expenses for eligible projects have been accrued.
  - 3) If an applicant is located in a disproportionately impacted area, the amount of financial assistance will be increased by 10%.
- e) Applicants for MPCP shall submit the following documentation:
- 1) Completed application;

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- 2) IRS Form W-9; and
- 3) Certification from the applicant verifying eligible expenses, as set forth in subsection (b), and attesting that no part of the project has been reimbursed by another federal or State grant program.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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**Section 690.240 Reporting Requirements**  
**EMERGENCY**

If applicable, program participants shall provide a final expenditure report to DOA no later than December 31, 2020 in a format determined by DOA. This date could be extended based on extenuating circumstances. Documented expenses will be reconciled with funds received.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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SUBTITLE C**Section 690.250 Monitoring  
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Program participants will be monitored for compliance with contractual obligations, applicable administrative rules, and legislation, ensuring that Livestock Management Facilities Program funds are spent appropriately. Monitoring may include desk reviews, correspondence with certifying veterinarians, and on-site reviews of the Program participant.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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SUBPART E: REPAYMENT OF ELIGIBLE LOANS  
UNDER THE EMERGENCY LOAN FUND PROGRAM**Section 690.300 Eligibility**  
**EMERGENCY**

A qualifying business that applied for an eligible loan under the Department's Emergency Loan Fund Program during March 2020 shall be eligible for financial assistance under the Business Interruption Grant Program providing the business has met the minimum criteria established by that Program. Financial assistance will include either a loan repayment for borrowers who have outstanding debts under the Emergency Loan Fund Program or a grant for applicants who ultimately were not awarded a loan.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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**Section 690.310 Selection Process  
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- a) Subject to the availability of funds, the Department and its qualified partner will announce, to eligible businesses, fund availability and the application procedures for financial assistance via its website and other communication mediums. The application shall identify the information and supporting documentation applicants must include in their requests for financial assistance. The Department's qualified partner shall accept the applications for financial assistance.
- b) Each application for financial assistance shall include a request for the following information:
  - 1) The amount of funds borrowed by the applicant from the Department's Emergency Loan Fund Program and how much remains unpaid;
  - 2) The amount of costs and losses experienced by the applicant's business from March 1, 2020 until the present;
  - 3) The amount of funds received from other CARES Act-funded programs by the applicant;
  - 4) 2020 bank statements; and
  - 5) Any other information requested by the Department or its qualified partner to assist in determining eligibility under the Program, the offering of financial assistance to an applicant, and the type of assistance that may be offered.
- c) Under the Emergency Loan Fund Program, borrowers who have costs and losses equal to or greater than the loan amount outstanding shall qualify to receive an award of equal value that repays the outstanding loan amount. Applicants of the Program who were never awarded a loan and are currently on the waitlist for an emergency loan may qualify to receive financial assistance equal to \$10,000 or \$20,000 if the scale of costs and losses experienced since March are equal to or greater than the available award. The number of awards available to applicants will be based on the availability of funds set aside for this Program.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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**Section 690.320 Priority Status  
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Priority for financial assistance under this Program shall be given to borrowers first. After eligible borrowers are offered financial assistance, priority will be given to businesses who applied but did not receive a loan under the Program that are located in a disproportionately impacted area, did not receive financing under the Paycheck Protection Program, or are located in downstate Illinois. If Program funds remain unobligated after the initial disbursement to the previously mentioned groups, the Department's qualified partner will select additional recipients from applicants of the Program, utilizing a lottery method.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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SUBPART F: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO  
ACUTELY DISTRESSED INDUSTRIES**Section 690.400 Prioritizing Acutely Distressed Industries**  
**EMERGENCY**

- a) The Department will provide a Program offering funding opportunities to acutely distressed industries that meet the minimum requirements established under this Program and the CARES Act. The Department will be responsible for determining which industries shall be designated as an acutely distressed industry. To determine which applicants will qualify as a member of an acutely distressed industry, the Department will establish and provide to its qualified partners evaluation criteria that will include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 1) intent and purpose of the enabling legislation;
  - 2) State and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19;
  - 3) data from the Illinois Department of Public Health and other reputable sources; and
  - 4) any other factors deemed necessary to reach the most impacted businesses and industries.
- b) The Department will limit the amount of financial assistance available to a qualifying business under this prioritization to no more than \$150,000. A subaward under this program shall be determined based on the availability of funds and the value of eligible costs and losses incurred by the qualifying business.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)

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## SUBPART G: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

**Section 690.500 Set-Aside for Technical Assistance  
EMERGENCY**

The Department shall utilize funds from the State Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) Fund to implement a program that will provide financial assistance to qualified non-profit organizations to provide technical assistance to diverse, underserved and minority-owned small businesses. Technical assistance will be provided to increase the awareness of, and to assist in the procurement of, financial assistance under the Business Interruption Grant Program and other relevant resources.

(Source: Added by emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, for the remainder of the 150 days)