



Governor Announces Back to Business Grant Program

Earlier today the Governor announced a new Back to Business (B2B) Grant program for businesses and not-for-profit organizations impacted by COVID-19. The \$250 million grant program, which is similar to the Business Interruption Grant (BIG) in 2020, will prioritize businesses who did not receive assistance through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the State's BIG grant program. Businesses in the hardest hit industries throughout Illinois, as well as those located in Disproportionately Impacted Areas (DIAs) will also be prioritized for funding. The application portal will open on Wednesday, August 18. More details regarding the grant program and eligibility requirements can be found [here](#).

The Chamber will provide B2B grant program updates and technical assistance for those who need it during the application process. If you have questions or need assistance in applying, please contact Chris Hembrough at chembrough@gsc.org.