



FUNDING FOR LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

WHAT IS IT:

We are advocating for the use of ARPA funds to provide grants for local chambers of commerce with less than 1500 members. These grants should be awarded to chambers which can demonstrate a \$5000 or greater loss of gross revenue from 2019 to 2020. The grants should equal two months of that lost revenue.

THE IMPORTANCE:

Local chambers of commerce which support small businesses and local communities throughout Illinois have been devastated by the pandemic. Lost memberships and the inability to host fundraisers have deeply impacted chambers of commerce. With the Delta variant causing further disruptions, many chambers continue to struggle, and some may not make it through the pandemic.

CURRENT STATUS:

This proposal is included in the SBAC Small Business Package and is currently circulating amongst State lawmakers.

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