

Grant Name	Source	Description	State Department	Funding	Deadlines	Notes
Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan	<a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Pages/IllinoisSmallBusinessEmergencyLoanFund.aspx">https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Pages/IllinoisSmallBusinessEmergencyLoanFund.aspx</a>	Under the leadership of Governor JB Pritzker, DCEO and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) are establishing the Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund to offer small businesses low interest loans of up to \$50,000. Businesses located outside of the City of Chicago with fewer than 50 workers and less than \$3 million in revenue in 2019 will be eligible to apply. Successful applicants will pay nothing for six months and will then begin making fixed payments at a below market interest rate for the remainder of a five-year loan term. Loan funds must be used for working capital, and at least 50% of loans proceeds must be applied toward payroll or other eligible compensation including salaries, wages, tips, paid leave, and group healthcare benefits. Eligible uses will exclude compensation in excess of \$100,000.	Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	N/A	Rolling	
Illinois Apprenticeship Education Expense Tax Credit Program	<a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/ExpandRelocate/Incentives/Pages/ILApprenticeshipTaxCredit.aspx">https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/ExpandRelocate/Incentives/Pages/ILApprenticeshipTaxCredit.aspx</a>	Effective January 1, 2020, employers are allowed a tax credit for qualified educational expenses associated with qualifying apprentices. Employers may receive a credit of up to \$3,500 per apprentice against the taxes imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, and an additional credit of up to \$1,500 for each apprentice if (1) the apprentice resides in an underserved area or (2) the employer's principal place of business is located in an underserved area. A qualifying apprentice must be: (a) an Illinois resident; (b) at least 16 at the close of the school year for which a credit is sought; (c) a full-time apprentice enrolled in an apprenticeship program registered with U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Office of Apprenticeship during the school year; and (d) employed by the taxpayer in Illinois. Employers must apply to the Department for certification.	Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity			The total tax credits issued by the Department under this program may not exceed \$5 million in any calendar year, which shall be allowed on a first-come first-served basis, based on the date on which each properly completed application is received by the Department. First come, first served
Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership	<a href="http://www.workforceboard.org/">http://www.workforceboard.org/</a>	The Partnership aims to increase private engagement in the local workforce system while improving the scale, capacity, quality, and results of workforce development programs. The goal is to better serve the needs employers by ensuring we have a skilled labor force that meets the market's demands. By leveraging The Partnership's experience and knowledge of occupational training, workplace preparedness and business relations, businesses are able to use existing resources to produce outstanding results.	The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership	N/A		N/A
Cook County Economic Development Division	<a href="https://www.cookcountyl.gov/service/economic-development-division">https://www.cookcountyl.gov/service/economic-development-division</a>	The Economic Development Division of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) manages programs designed to help businesses grow, expand and create jobs.  Relevant activities include construction and business development loans, corporate tax incentives, industrial development revenue bonds, and the no cash bid program. Eligible applicants vary by program and include public, private, and non-profit organizations, businesses and business owners, and municipalities.	The Economic Development Division of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD)	N/A		N/A
Illinois Talent Pipeline Management	<a href="https://www.illinoisworknet.com/Training/Pages/Employer-Training.aspx">https://www.illinoisworknet.com/Training/Pages/Employer-Training.aspx</a>	Businesses in Illinois may benefit from programs and services that include employee-based training programs. These programs make employee skill upgrades available to businesses in order to avert layoffs, remain current in new technologies and business practices, or to provide job skills to new hires. Website allows businesses to learn how each program works, who they can hire, qualifications, and how to apply. You can download the Combined Employer-Based Training Programs flyer (PDF) if you'd like an overview of all. Once you've decided which program(s) is/are best for your organization, you should contact the appropriate office in your area.	Illinois workNet	N/A		N/A
Illinois Workforce Innovation Board	<a href="https://www.illinoisworknet.com/WIQA/Pages/IWIBGuide.aspx">https://www.illinoisworknet.com/WIQA/Pages/IWIBGuide.aspx</a>	The Governor-appointed Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB) includes leaders from state, business, industry, labor, education and community-based organizations with the goal of evaluating and meeting the workforce needs of Illinois' employers and workers.	Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB)	N/A		N/A
Work Opportunity Tax Credit	<a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Work-Opportunity-Tax-Credit.aspx">https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Work-Opportunity-Tax-Credit.aspx</a>	The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a Federal tax credit available to employers for hiring individuals from certain targeted groups who have consistently faced significant barriers to employment.	Illinois Department of Employment Security	Tax Credit		