



# Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

**Joint Program Application**  
**Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets Program**  
**RISE Implementation Program**  
**NOFO: 2560-2765 and 3304-2764**

This Notice of Funding Opportunity also requires the submission of this program application. Applicants may also attached separate exhibits or documentation in response to these questions. Please cross reference any such documents as appropriate below.

1. Provide a name and brief summary of your project or initiative.

2. Please indicate whether you consider your application eligible for RDMS, RISE Implementation, or both.

**RDMS**

**RISE Implementation**

**Both**

3. Describe the location and/or geographic scope of the project or initiative. (Note: If your project is potentially eligible for RDMS, list a sample of public-facing businesses in the near vicinity – within two blocks for an urban area or ¼ mile in a rural area. You may want to upload pictures of the area separately.)

4. Describe the current state of economic distress in your community/region and the extent to which this distress was exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis. Provide both qualitative and quantitative support as appropriate.

5. Explain in detail how your proposed project or initiative will ameliorate economic distress and/or address barriers to robust economic recovery. Describe the anticipated outcomes of your project or initiative.

6. Provide a detailed description of the scope of work and how it aligns with the budget provided in the budget template.

7. Provide a timeline for project/initiative implementation, including intermediate milestones as appropriate.

8. Provide evidence supporting reasonableness and accuracy of budget estimates. This can include vendor bids, analysis of similar projects, etc. (Exhibits can be uploaded separately as appropriate.)

9. Describe how the project aligns with any local and regional economic development plans. (Note: If potentially eligible for RISE Implementation, this must include a discussion of the alignment with the associated RISE Planning grant economic recovery plan. The applicant should upload the recovery plan separately.)

10. Provide a list of all key partners and their respective roles in successfully implementing, operating, and sustaining this project or initiative.

11. Describe your team's experience and expertise in managing comparable state grants.

12. Describe your team's experience and expertise in executing projects or initiatives of this nature.

13. Identify sources of matching funds and provide documentation that these funds will be available for the project/initiative.

14. Provide a list of the individuals providing letters of support (to be uploaded separately), noting their affiliations as appropriate. (Note: if potentially eligible for RISE Implementation, you must include a letter of recommendation from the organization releasing the RISE Planning economic recovery plan associated with the application. This does not apply if the applicant is the entity releasing the recovery plan.)