

**State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Summary Information**

Awarding Agency Name	Commerce And Econ Opp
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Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	FY24-1
Funding Opportunity Title	Illinois Reproductive Health Facilities Capital Grant Program
CSFA Number	420-35-3201
CSFA Popular Name	Illinois Reproductive Health Facilities Capital Grant Program
Anticipated Number of Awards	15
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$5,000,000
Award Range	\$50000 - \$500000
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	Yes
Indirect Costs Allowed	No
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	Yes : This grant opportunity is limited to capital improvement expenses. The grant will not compensate for indirect costs, overhead or administrative expenses associated with the execution of the program.
Posted Date	07/31/2023
Application Date Range	General announcement open for a period of time with no specific due dates for applications.
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities/3201-2592.html
Technical Assistance Session	Offered : Yes Mandatory : No Date : 08/14/2023 : 2:00pm Registration link : https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mce867883cc73cdff0d5f06010b8e98bf

Agency-specific Content for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

Illinois Reproductive Health Facilities Capital Grant Program

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For information about grants please visit <https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities/granteeresources.html>.

A. Program Description

Notice of Funding Opportunity Intent

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the “Department” or “DCEO”) is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) to implement a capital grant program to support reproductive health care facilities in Illinois that are experiencing increased demand for their services.

Program Description

Illinois residents should have the ability to make autonomous, informed, and evidence-based decisions about their reproductive health and to have timely access to quality reproductive health care that adheres to accepted standards of medical practice or care. Following the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v Wade* in 2022, Illinois clinics have seen an influx of out-of-state patients, resulting in limited capacity and stress to reproductive health care service providers.

To address the need to maintain and expand access to care, the Illinois Reproductive Health Facilities Capital Grant Program will help abortion providers in Illinois address their needs for capital investment. Grant funds may be used to invest in facility construction or durable equipment. Projects could include:

- New construction, renovation, or major repairs that facilitate expansion or continuation of pregnancy-related medical services
- Investment in new or upgraded equipment that improve care quality or facility capacity, including medical devices or vehicles for mobile care units
- Investment to upgrade or enhance security (barriers, alarm/surveillance systems, etc.)

Award amounts for eligible projects may range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Grant recipients must provide a 15% total project cost match.

Applications will continue to be accepted for this opportunity and awarded on a rolling basis until funds are depleted. Higher points will be awarded in merit review for projects that are located in rural or underserved areas, that provide a range of pregnancy-related medical services, and that address an unmet need for additional capacity and/or patient and staff safety and security.

Program History

This is the first program of its kind in Illinois. It is funded through appropriations in Public Act 103-0006, for purposes authorized in subsection (b) of Section 4 of the Build Illinois Bond Act

Performance Goals and Measures

The grantee will be required to submit performance data to the Department on a quarterly basis. Performance reporting will encompass both the implementation of projects supported by the Illinois Reproductive Health Facilities Capital Grant Program and any resulting increase in service capacity of the grantee.

The grantee will be expected to assist in determining appropriate metrics regarding the performance of projects. Potential metrics and deliverables may include project components successfully completed, gains in service capacity and types of services available, and increases in patients served.

Other Information

Applicants may submit one (1) application for this opportunity per facility.

B. Funding Information

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This grant program is utilizing state funds appropriated by Public Act 103-0006. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is \$5,000,000. Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. The Department expects to make 15 to 30 awards for through this NOFO.

This is a rolling opportunity. Anticipated start date for awards is 9/1/23. The period of performance for grants is expected to be 1 to 2 years.

Grant funds for this program must be used to construct new facilities; expand or repair existing facilities; purchase durable equipment that expands or improves the quality of reproductive health care services; or facility improvements or equipment purchases that improve the security and safety of patients and staff.

These grants originate from Build Illinois Bond funds. Expenditures for these funds are limited to the following eligible expenses:

- architectural planning and engineering design;
- land and building acquisition;
- costs related to site selection, preparation and improvement;
- utility work;
- new construction of buildings and structures;
- reconstruction or improvement of existing buildings or structures;
- purchase of automobiles or trucks for provision of mobile health care services; and
- original furnishings and durable equipment, including scientific instruments and apparatuses with a long useful life.

Ineligible expenses include:

- operational expenses;
- lease payments for rental of equipment or facilities;
- costs of staff or resident labor and material outside of project construction; or
- expenditures to acquire or construct temporary facilities.

A 15% total project cash match is required.

Applicants must submit a project narrative that describes in detail how the award will be executed. The project narrative should include enough information for DCEO to understand the scope of the project, the budget, including a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with each budget line and any additional necessary detail to enable DCEO to manage the grant agreement activity against planned project performance. The Project Narrative must include evidence of capacity, quality and need as defined in Section E.1.

The release of this NOFO does not obligate the Department to make an award.

C. Eligibility Information

An entity must be registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>, at the time of grant application. The portal will verify that the entity:

- Has a valid FEIN number (<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/taxpayer-identification-numbers-tin#:~:text=You%20can%20use%20the%20IRS%27s,for%20Individual%20Taxpayer%20Identification%20Number>);
- Has a current SAM.gov registration (<https://sam.gov>), SAM.gov registrations must be marked as “public” to allow the GATA Grantee Portal to expedite the review of the federal information;
- Has a valid UEI number (<https://sam.gov>);
- Is not on the Federal Excluded Parties List (verified at <https://sam.gov>);
- Is in Good Standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, as applicable (https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/corp.html);

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- Is not on the Illinois Stop Payment list (verified once entity is registered in GATA Grantee Portal); and
- Is not on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list (<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/oig/Pages/SanctionsList.aspx>).

Entities on the Illinois Stop Payment List and/or the Federal Excluded Parties List at time of application submission will not be considered for an award.

An automated email notification to the entity alerts them of “qualified” status or informs how to remediate a negative verification (e.g., not in good standing with the Secretary of State). A federal Debarred and Suspended status cannot be remediated.

Pursuant to the policy of the Illinois Office of the Comptroller, to receive grant funds from the State of Illinois, a grantee must be considered a regarded entity by the IRS for federal income tax purposes. Disregarded entities will not be eligible to receive grant funds.

1. Eligible Applicants include:

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Nonprofit and for-profit clinics providing or planning to provide pregnancy-related services in a clinical setting.

- Existing facilities must have healthcare employees, volunteers, or agents who are licensed health care professionals.
- Facilities must provide (or, in the case of new facilities, plan to provide) abortion care, as defined in the Illinois Reproductive Health Act, as well as one or more of the following pregnancy-related services: contraception and contraceptive counseling; pregnancy testing; pregnancy diagnosis; pregnancy options counseling; limited obstetric ultrasound; obstetric ultrasound; obstetric sonogram; sexually transmitted infections testing; and prenatal care.

Facilities, including hospitals and other health care providers, where more than half of the clinical facilities are dedicated to medical care other than pregnancy-related medical services (e.g. emergency rooms, general surgery, etc.) are not eligible.

The Department complies with all applicable provisions of state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination, sexual harassment and equal employment opportunity including, but not limited to: The Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq.), The Public Works Employment Discrimination Act (775 ILCS 10/1 et seq.), The United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended) (42 USC 2000a-and 2000H-6), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.), and The Age Discrimination Act (42 USC 6101 et seq.).

2. Cost Sharing or Matching.

This grant opportunity requires at least 15% cash match of total project costs. These matching funds can come from the organization’s own resources, other private funds, or other grant funds.

3. Indirect Cost Rate.

This grant opportunity is limited to capital improvement expenses. The grant will not compensate for indirect costs, overhead or administrative expenses associated with the execution of the program.

4. Other, if applicable.

Applicants may submit one application per facility for this opportunity.

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package.

Grant application forms are available at the web link provided in the “Grant Application Link” field of this announcement or by contacting the Program Manager:

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
607 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62701
Tele: (800) 785-6055
Email: CEO.ILReprodHealth@illinois.gov

2. Content and Form of Application Submission.

A standard application package must be submitted and reviewed by the Department. Each package should contain the following items:

- Uniform Grant Application in fillable PDF format. Signature page must be printed, signed, scanned and submitted with application.
- Uniform Budget utilizing the template provided by DCEO for this project. The entire budget with all worksheets included even if the worksheets are not relevant to the grant opportunity must be submitted with the application materials. Signature page must be printed, signed, scanned and submitted with application.
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Mandatory Disclosures

This Notice of Funding Opportunity also requires the submission of:

- Completed program application and attestation
- If available, design or construction documents that include quotes or estimates used for budget estimate provided in budget template

NOTE: Please mark as confidential any information that you provide in the program application that you consider proprietary or commercially sensitive information.

3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)

Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR 25.110(d)) is required to:

- (i) Be registered in SAM. To establish a SAM registration, go to www.SAM.gov and/or utilize this instructional link: www.grants.illinois.gov Resource Links tab. SAM.gov registrations must be “public.”
- (ii) Provide a valid UEI number in the GATA Grantee Portal registration.
- (iii) Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency. The State awarding agency may not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the State awarding agency is ready to make a

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Federal pass-through or State award, the State awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

4. Submission Dates and Times.

This opportunity is rolling and funds will be awarded until depleted.

Application materials must be submitted to the Department via electronic form at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a7dd7c0e87024496bf000841b66fae72>.

The Department is under no obligation to review applications that do not comply with the above requirements.

Failure to meet the application deadline may result in the Department returning application without review or may preclude the Department from making the award.

5. Intergovernmental Review, if applicable.

N/A.

6. Funding Restrictions.

This opportunity does allow reimbursement of certain pre-award costs. Pre-award costs that can be reimbursed may only be incurred after an applicant has been notified that they will receive an award, and the pre-award costs must be pre-approved by the Department. Other restrictions can be found in Sections B. and C.3.

7. Other Submission Requirements.

Documents stored in Google Docs or other cloud-based servers are not allowed.

Applicants may confirm receipt of the application and documents by contacting the program contact listed in this NOFO.

E. Application Review Information.

1. Criteria.

Grant proposals will be reviewed on a competitive basis. Each proposal will be scored on a 100-point scale (or on a percentage scale). The Department shall consider the following criteria when evaluating the application submittal: Need, Capacity, and Quality.

Capacity- The ability of the applicant to execute the project according to requirements of the grant program	
Applicant provides a detailed description of the overall scope of the proposed project and present a clear plan to administer and manage a project of this kind. (High points should be awarded to applicants with clear, coherent, and achievable scope of work that is consistent with project goals.)	10
Applicant's budget and backing documentation show that the applicant and partners have the resources required to successfully meet funding commitments for the project. (High points should be awarded to applicants who identify and document source(s) of matching funds.)	6

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Applicant demonstrates that the applicant and any necessary partners have the experience, knowledge, and expertise to successfully operate facility following project. (High points should be awarded to applicants who document expertise in operating current facilities that provide these services.)	10
Applicant has previous experience in managing government and/or foundation grants (High points for experience with state grants, in particular. Partial points for experience with federal or foundation grants.)	4
Need- Identification of stakeholders, facts, and evidence that demonstrate the proposal supports the grant program purpose	
Project is located in a rural area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau	5
Project is located in an underserved area (https://dceo.illinois.gov/expandrelocate/incentives/underservedareas.html)	5
Applicant demonstrates clear demand for ongoing availability or expansion of services, based on waiting list, increased referrals, or other means (High points for applicants that can document high demand for specific services that will be expanded/maintained through project)	15
Project will address significant safety issue for patients and staff (High points should be awarded for facilities that document imminent threat to patients and staff; partial points for applicants that show clearly insufficient security (e.g. no staff or inadequate security system).)	10
Quality- The totality of features and characteristics of the project that indicate its ability to satisfy the requirements of the grant program	
Clear timeline for project and necessary tasks to successfully complete the project (High points should be awarded to applicants who provide a complete and coherent timeline to implement the scope of work, including intermediate deliverables and milestones.)	5
After completion of project, facility will provide a wide range of the pregnancy-related health services listed in Section C1, and at an increased capacity, following investment. (High points should be awarded to applicants whose projects provide all services listed, and at an increased capacity - either due to new facility or facility expansion.)	20
Budget detail, clarity and reasonableness. (High points should be awarded if budget is clear, detailed, reasonable, and effectively tied to program activities and milestones. Fewer points should be awarded if budget is vague, excessive, or poorly tied to program activities and milestones.)	5
Applicant provides convincing budget documentation and support (High points should be awarded to applicants who provide convincing documentation of necessary budget levels for specific project elements, such of quotes from contractors.)	5

2. Review and Selection Process.

Applications will be graded using the Merit Review Process and scored on the criteria specified in Section E.1. The Department will designate an Evaluation Committee to grade each application received for this funding opportunity. The final score of each Committee member will be calculated and an average of all scores will be the final applicant score.

All applicants with a merit review score that exceeds 70 will receive a recommendation for an award. At the end of each quarter, DCEO may recommend additional applicants with a merit review score that exceeds 60 for award if projects recommended for funding up to and including that quarter have not exceeded the \$830,000-per-quarter trajectory needed to fully award the funds by the end of calendar year 2024. These additional awards may be selected based on merit

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review score, as well as geographic dispersion of awardees or location in an underserved area. Applicants that have received a merit review score between 60 and 70 will be considered for up to two full quarters after application is submitted.

The Merit Based Review process is subject to appeal. However, competitive grant appeals are limited to the evaluation process. Evaluation scores may not be protested. Only the evaluation process is subject to appeal. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Department within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice has been published. The written appeal shall include the name and address of the appealing party, the identification of the grant and a statement of reasons for the appeal. To file an appeal, applicants must submit the appeal in writing and in accordance with the Merit-Based Application Review Appeals Process listed on the Grant Opportunities page of the DCEO website:
<https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities/meritappealreview.html>.

3. Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates, if applicable.

Successful applicants will receive a Notice of State Award (NOSA) to initiate the grant agreement phase. During this phase, you will be contacted by a grant manager to develop a grant agreement, which can be a months long process depending on complexity, cooperation, and conformity with all applicable federal and state laws.

The Department reserves the right to issue a reduced award, or not to issue any award.

F. Award Administration Information

1. State Award Notices.

The Notice of State Award (NOSA) will specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the pre-award risk assessments and the merit based review process. The NOSA must be accepted in the GATA Portal by an authorized representative of the grantee organization. The NOSA is not an authorization to begin performance or incur costs.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.

Subcontractors: Agreement(s) and budget(s) with subcontractors must be pre-approved by and on file with DCEO. Agreements can be submitted to DCEO when available. Subcontractors are subject to all applicable provisions of the Agreement(s) executed between DCEO and the grantee. The successful applicant shall retain sole responsibility for the performance of its subcontractor(s).

Grant Uniform Requirements: The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (30 ILCS 708/1 *et seq.*) (and its related administrative rules, 44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 7000), was enacted to increase the accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds from whatever source and to reduce administrative burdens on both State agencies and grantees by adopting federal guidance and regulations applicable to those grant funds; specifically, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200).

Procurement: Grantees will be required to adhere to methods of procurement per the Procurement Standards (2 CFR 200.317 – 2 CFR 200.327).

Business Enterprise Program: For grant awards of \$250,000 or more, grantees will be required to comply with the Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01 *et seq.*), which establishes a goal for contracting with businesses that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minority, female or who have disabilities. The Department and the Capital Development Board will work with the

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grantees to ensure compliance prior to the establishment of the grant agreement as well as through the life of the grant.

Environmental Review Requirements: Capital grants will be reviewed to determine environmental review requirements. Based on the scope of the project, the grantees may be required to complete additional environmental approvals before a grant agreement can be initiated.

Illinois Works Jobs Program Act (30 ILCS 559/20-1 et seq.): For grants with an estimated total project cost of \$500,000 or more, the grantee will be required to comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative (30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 20-25) and all applicable administrative rules. The “estimated total project cost” is a good faith approximation of the costs of an entire project being paid for in whole or in part by appropriated capital funds to construct a public work. The goal of the Illinois Apprenticeship Initiative is that apprentices will perform either 10% of the total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less. Grantees will be permitted to seek from the Department a waiver or reduction of this goal in certain circumstances pursuant to 30 ILCS 559/20-20(b). The grantee must ensure compliance for the life of the entire project, including during the term of the grant and after the term ends, if applicable, and will be required to report on and certify its compliance.

Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 et seq.): Applicants that are awarded grants shall comply with all requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act, including but not limited to, inserting into all contracts for construction a stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing rate of wages as applicable to the project shall be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under the award and requiring all bonds of contractors to include a provision as will guarantee the faithful performance of such prevailing wage clause as provided by contract. Grantees will be required to report on Prevailing Wage Act compliance on a monthly basis.

Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570/0.01 et seq.): All grantees will be required to comply with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570/0.01 et seq.) (the “Act”), which provides that whenever there is a period of excessive unemployment in Illinois (as defined by the Act), if the Grantee is using Grant Funds for (1) constructing or building any public works, or (2) performing the clean-up and on-site disposal of hazardous waste for the State of Illinois or any political subdivision of the State, then the Grantee shall employ at least 90% Illinois laborers on such project. Illinois laborers refers to any person who has resided in Illinois for at least 30 days and intends to become or remain an Illinois resident. Grantees may receive an exception from this requirement by submitting a request and supporting documents certifying that Illinois laborers are either not available, or are incapable of performing the particular type of work involved. The certification must: (a) be submitted to the grant manager within the first quarter of the Award Term; (b) provide sufficient support that demonstrates the exception is met; (c) be signed by an authorized signatory of the Grantee; and (d) be approved by DCEO in consultation with the Illinois Department of Labor. In addition, every contractor on a public works project or improvement or hazardous waste clean-up and on-site disposal project in this State may place on such work no more than 3 (or 6 in the case of a hazardous waste clean-up and on-site disposal project) of the contractor’s regularly employed non-resident executive and technical experts.

3. Reporting.

Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and Periodic Financial Report (PFR)

Grantees funded through this NOFO are required to submit in the format required by the Grantor, at least on a quarterly basis, the PPR and PFR electronically to their assigned grant manager. The first of such reports shall cover the first three months after the award begins. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.328, Periodic Financial Reports shall be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the period covered by the report. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.329, Periodic Performance

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Reports shall be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the period covered by the report. Any additional reporting requirements will be disclosed in the NOSA. Grantees are required within 45 calendar days following the end of the period of performance to submit a final closeout report in the format required by the Grantor (See 2 CFR 200.344).

Monitoring

Grantees funded through this NOFO are subject to fiscal and programmatic monitoring visits by the Department in accordance with 2 CFR 200.337. They must have an open-door policy allowing periodic visits by Department monitors to evaluate the progress of the project and provide documentation upon request of the monitor. Program staff will also maintain contact with participants and monitor progress and performance of the contracts. The Department may modify grants based on performance.

Audit

Grantees shall be subject to Illinois' statewide Audit Report Review requirements. Terms of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 USC 7501-7507), Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200, and the audit rules set forth under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act shall apply (See 30 ILCS 708/65(c)).

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

Grant Help Desk
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
Email: **CEO.GrantHelp@illinois.gov**

H. Other Information, if applicable

N/A.