



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

Tech Incubator Enhancement Grant Program

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Directions: Complete this program application and submit as part of your application to the Tech Incubator Enhancement Grants Program. Detailed information on the program and submission requirements can be found in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. If necessary, additional pages may be attached.

Legal/Common Name: _____

1. Please provide background on your organization, including key team members, geographical area, and industry of focus.

2. Please describe how your organization supports tech startups, founders, and innovation in general.

3. Please provide examples of startups, founders, or other early-stage companies that are supported by your organization.

4. Please describe any community events or resources that your organization provides for the general public.

5. Please describe any partners or collaborators that you work with to support startups, innovation, and growth in your region.

6. Please describe, in detail, the capital investments or improvements you are proposing, including a budget narrative.

7. Please describe any research or market analysis you performed to determine that your proposed capital investment is the most efficient, cost-effective, and impactful method to meet the needs of tech startups, founders, and innovators in your region.

8. Please provide evidence that your organization was operating as a tech incubator before March 1st, 2020th and is still in operation. If you are applying as a new incubator, please response with 'N/A'.

9. Describe how the proposed capital investments will make a significant positive impact on your support of startups, founders, and early-stage companies.

10. Please describe how your capital investment will fill a critical need in the tech community in the region.

12. Please describe how your industry of focus is one of the key growth industries identified in the Illinois 2024 Economic Growth Plan and generally aligned with economic goals outlined in this Plan.

13. Please describe any cost-sharing funds from your organization or partner organizations that will apply to this capital expenditure, including documentation of commitment including letters of support.

14. Please describe any performance measures that will be used to track the success of the project.

Confirm whether you are uploading the following documents to support your application. These files, along with this current Program Application file, should be uploaded to the Smartsheet link listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity:

Uniform Budget

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Uniform Grant Application

Mandatory Disclosure

Permits, Planning Documents, Drawings, or Vendor Quotes

Partner Letters of Commitment