



**Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity**



# Illinois Angel Tax Credit Program

## Qualified New Business Venture (QNBV) List

NOTE: This program has an annual \$2,500,000 set-aside for investments made into businesses owned by minorities. Additionally, there is a \$1,250,000 set-aside for investments in businesses owned by women or persons with disabilities. Another \$1,250,000 set-aside is available for investments made into businesses in rural counties.

(This includes all Illinois counties aside from Cook, DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, McHenry, Winnebago, St. Clair and Madison.)

\*approved thru 01/23/2026.

Business Name	Set-Aside Eligible Business Owned by a Woman, Minority or Person with a Disability	Ownership Type (if applicable)	Minority Type (if applicable)	Set-Aside Eligible Business Based in Rural Area	County	Website URL	Industry	Description of Business	QNBV #	Certification Date
Zite AI Inc.	No			No	Cook County	www.ziteai.com	Information Technology	Zite AI sells software to healthcare organizations.	253R	Jan 21, 2026
Revve Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	Cook County	https://revve.io	Information Technology	We help first-time homebuyers and self-employed individuals proactively build their mortgage eligibility with a personalized readiness score and action plan 6–24 months before they apply.	252R	Jan 16, 2026
Zenblen, Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	Cook County	www.zenblen.com	Manufacturing	Zenblen provides freshly blended, nutritionist curated smoothies through our proprietary robotic kiosk.	251R	Jan 21, 2026
Ultra Small Fibers, LLC	No			No	Cook County	https://ultrasmallfibers.com/	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Ultra Small Fibers, Inc. develops nanofiber-based cell culture platforms that enable more physiologically relevant, reproducible in-vitro experiments for life science researchers.	249R	Jan 14, 2026
Sustainable Imprints, Inc.	No			No	Lake County	www.sicbs.com	Manufacturing	We repurpose shipping containers into liveable spaces-- mostly residential, but also commercial and industrial, built to the highest standards and building codes.	248R	Jan 14, 2026
Auvi Labs, Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	Cook County	www.auvilabs.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Auvi Labs is developing a medical device to detect dialysis access failure.	247R	Jan 8, 2026
Wavefront Therapeutics	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	Yes	Kankakee County		Life Sciences / Healthcare	Wavefront Therapeutics, Inc. is a preclinical stage biotechnology company developing new treatments for the management of myocardial ischemia.	245R	Jan 8, 2026

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Synergy Research Labs Inc.	No			Yes	Champaign County	<a href="https://www.crystalsynergyrl.com/">https://www.crystalsynergyrl.com/</a>	Manufacturing	Synergy Research Labs is an R&D stage semiconductor company, focused on the scaling and development of Gallium Oxide epi-wafers and devices.	242R	Jan 8, 2026
Lillian Augusta Beauty	Yes	Minority-Owned Women-Owned	Black/African American- Owned	No	Cook County	<a href="http://hairwithoutharm.com">hairwithoutharm.com</a>	Manufacturing	Lillian Augusta Beauty is a textiles innovation company creating plant-based fibers for hair extensions.	241R	Jan 8, 2026
Partum Health, Inc	No			No	Cook County	<a href="http://partumhealth.com">http://partumhealth.com</a>	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Partum Health supports women and families with expert care, online and in person, that leads to better health and more joy as their families grow.	237R	Jan 8, 2026
NextMe Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	Cook County	<a href="https://nextmeapp.com/">https://nextmeapp.com/</a>	Information Technology	NextMe is a generative AI-powered virtual waiting room platform that enhances in-person experiences by predicting wait times, delivering personalized content while guests wait, and optimizing staff operations to drive higher retention and revenue.	236R	Jan 8, 2026
Craft BioSolutions Inc.	Yes	Owned by a Person with a Disability		No	Lake County	<a href="http://craftbiosolutions.com">craftbiosolutions.com</a>	Manufacturing	Craft BioSolutions is developing a low-cost, automated biomanufacturing platform to accelerate the development and route to market of new biobased products.	235R	Jan 8, 2026
Bussert Medical, Inc.	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	<a href="http://www.wavetherapeuticsinc.com">www.wavetherapeuticsinc.com</a>	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Wave Therapeutics has developed an affordable soft robotics cushioning technology to help prevent bedsores, and save long term care and hospitals millions of dollars in treatment costs.	234R	Jan 5, 2026
Phaes Way Cleaning Services LLC	Yes	Minority-Owned	Black/African American- Owned	Yes	Winnebago County		Janitorial Services	Phaes Way Cleaning Services LLC is a Residential and Commercial janitorial company	233R	Jan 8, 2026