



Illinois
Department of Commerce
 & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program

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Key Stats

BIG Recipients	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants	Grant Amount	Percentage of Funds
Minority-Owned	3,597	40%	\$88M	32%
Woman-Owned	3,347	37%	\$85M	31%
Under \$1M in Annual Revenue	7,381	82%	\$221M	80%
In Disproportionately Impacted Areas	4,211	47%	\$116M	42%
In Downstate* Counties	3,157	35%	\$105M	38%

*Counties that did not receive their own allocation of federal CRF (Cook, Lake, DuPage, Will and Kane).

Awards by Business Revenues

2019 Revenues	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants	Grant Amount	Percentage of Funds
Under \$500K	5,941	66%	\$176M	64%
\$500K to \$1M	1,440	16%	\$45M	16%
\$1M to \$2M	1,021	11%	\$34M	12%
\$2M to \$5M	508	6%	\$18M	6%
Over \$5M	61	1%	\$3M	1%

To be eligible for BIG, businesses, must have been operating for at least three months prior to March 2020.

Awards by Industry

Type of Industry	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants	Grant Amount	Percentage of Funds
Restaurants and Bars	3,747	42%	\$133M	48%
Gyms and Fitness Centers	636	7%	\$16M	6%
Event spaces, concert venues, and performing arts venues	518	6%	\$25M	9%
Indoor Recreation	269	3%	\$17M	6%
Support services for arts and events	535	6%	\$21M	8%
Tourism and Travel	515	6%	\$28M	10%
Other priority and heavily impacted industries*	2,105	23%	\$53M	19%

* "Other priority and heavily impacted industries" include personal care services, including barbershops and salons; amusement parks; charter/shuttle buses; movie theaters, and museums. There is a small amount of overlap between these categories (e.g. some restaurants that are also event spaces).

Awards by Recipient Race/Ethnicity

Race or Ethnicity	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants	Grant Amount	Percentage of Funds	Ownership Employer Firms in IL	Ownership Non-Employer Firms in IL*
White or Caucasian	4,478	50%	\$152M	55%	78%	68%
Black or African American	1,084	12%	\$ 17M	6%	2%	13%
Hispanic or Latinx	765	9%	\$ 18M	7%	5%	10%
Asian American or Pacific Islander	1,565	17%	\$ 48M	17%	9%	7%
American Indian, Indigenous, Native American, or Alaskan Native	34	0.4%	\$ 1M	0.4%	0%	0%
Multiracial	149	2%	\$ 4M	1%		
Prefer not to respond	899	10%	\$ 35M	13%		
TOTAL	8,974		\$275M			

Note: Data on race of business owner for grant recipients reflects self-response by applicant. Source for the race of ownership for employer and non-employer firms in Illinois is the Census Survey of Business Owners (SBO) and the Census Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics (NES-D). Non-employer firms mainly consist of sole proprietors, contractors, freelance workers, etc.

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