

IHCC Foundation Microgrant Application

The Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is helping businesses meet the extraordinary challenges presented by federal immigration enforcement activities targeting immigrant communities throughout Chicago and the suburbs, offering enhanced business support services and workshops. Now, the IHCC Foundation (501c3) is sponsoring a microgrant program to help small businesses that have suffered. The impacted businesses may include:

- Brick-and-mortar shops facing reduced foot traffic and experiencing fewer work hours
- Seasonal construction or landscaping businesses whose workforce and schedules have been disrupted

Eligibility:

- Must be in business for at least 2 years
- Be a registered business within Illinois. Either registered and in **good standing** with the State of Illinois as an LLC, or registered with your city/municipality as a sole proprietor
- Submit a copy of your business license (must be active at the time of submission)
- Businesses with 10 or less employees
- Only one business / location per owner eligible
- Include a written explanation describing how the actions of immigration authorities affected your business, including any documented loss of income and mentions of specific timelines (fewer customers, drop in sales, reduced hours, cancellation of events, etc) between 100 - 250 words. The strongest applications will clearly describe how their business was directly affected via loss of revenue.

Note to applicants: If awarded a grant, it is subject to taxes.

Instructions to Submit Application:

To submit this application form, attach all supporting documentation and email it to ihccfoundation@ihccbbusiness.net, or you can mail the application or drop-off in person at 180 N Michigan Ave. Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60608.

If you have any questions or would like assistance, please call or email us at:

ihccfoundation@ihccbbusiness.net (312) 425-9500

Grant Review Disclaimer:

All grant applications are reviewed through a fair, neutral, and nondiscriminatory process. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding, and no preference is given based on prior relationships, affiliations, or familiarity with the applicant. Grant awards are made at the sole discretion of the grant selection committee following an independent review of each application against established criteria and subject to available funding.

Is your business located within any of the following communities?

Pilsen

Brighton Park, McKinley Park & Archer Heights Back of the Yards

Little Village

Chicago Lawn & West Lawn

Berwyn / Cicero

No

If you are not within the above communities, which near by community are you located in, and why are you applying for this phase of the micro grant?

Do you meet all of the following criteria?

- Have at least two years in business
- Registered within the state of Illinois as an LLC or Sole Proprietorship (and in good standing as an LLC)
- Have a copy of your business license
- Have 10 or less employees
- Your business has been directly affected due to federal agents enforcement in your community

Yes

No

If you answered yes to all of the criteria above, you may proceed with the rest of the application.

Date:

Full Name:

Legal name of business and DBA name if applicable:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Year Businesses was Established:

Industry:

Are you currently registered within the state of Illinois? Yes No

Is running your business your full-time position? Yes No

If no, please explain:

How many employees do you have?

Please provide an explanation of how the increased levels of federal enforcement activity in your neighborhood had led to a decrease in revenue for your business (maximum 250 words):

Copy of business license:

Please attach a copy of your business license to this application before submitting.