



Funding opportunities for residents, delegate agencies, vendors, and other stakeholders

How to Find and Apply for Funding Opportunities

<p>Step 1: Register as a vendor in iSupplier - In order to do business with the City of Chicago, your organization must register as a vendor in the iSupplier portal to use the City's eProcurement system and respond to bids and opportunities.</p>	<p>Step 2: View Citywide funding opportunities - All current funding opportunities and solicitations are online in the City's eProcurement system. Although you can view opportunities without signing in to your iSupplier account, you must respond to solicitations in the iSupplier portal.</p>
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Community Development

Nonprofit Capacity Building Program

The Nonprofit Capacity Building Program will offer participants direct access to partner organizations that can help with Application Assistance. The goal of Application Assistance is to provide frequent, in-depth training and one-on-one coaching on specific topics for disproportionately impacted nonprofits seeking to apply for Recovery funding and grow their organizations. This individualized aide with be crucial to nonprofits that may be new to the City's RFP system or feeling overwhelmed by the application process.

Curated events and seminars will be organized, specifically with the needs of nonprofits in mind. Topics and training will include:

- How to apply for City/Government Requests for Proposals (RFPs)
- Navigating iSupplier
- Upcoming City RFP Opportunities
- Compliance and Reporting Expectations
- Small group workshops
- These workshops will be facilitated by capacity-builders well oriented with the Chicagoland ecosystem (philanthropy, academia, for-profit, nonprofit, and governmental agencies).



NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING READINESS SUMMIT

★ Thursday, March 9th, 2023 ★
9am-12pm CT (Virtual Meeting)

The City of Chicago is excited to support community-based organizations and service providers with its next capacity building virtual workshop.

Topics will include:

- ★ Overview of Nonprofit Capacity Building Program
- ★ Chicago Recovery Plan Opportunities, Goals, & Priorities
- ★ Request for Proposal (RFP) Best Practices & Common Mistakes
- ★ RFP Compliance, Reporting, & Reimbursements
- ★ Upcoming RFPs & Funding Opportunities
- ★ One-on-one Assistance & Coaching

To sign up: visit our website or scan the QR Code below!



[Chicago.gov/BACPRecoveryPlan](https://chicago.gov/BACPRecoveryPlan)



Climate Infrastructure Fund Deadline February 24th

City of Chicago Climate Infrastructure Fund



Program Description

As part of the Department of Planning and Development's ongoing efforts under the Chicago Recovery Plan, the Climate Infrastructure Fund (the Fund) provides grants from \$50,000 to \$250,000 to nonprofit organizations and small businesses for climate-related capital projects in three priority areas:

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	Electric Vehicles and EV Charging	Green Infrastructure
<p>Energy efficiency upgrades and/or on-site renewable energy</p>	<p>Purchase of electric vehicles and/or installation of electric vehicle charging stations</p>	<p>Mitigation of flooding by rain gardens, permeable paving, native plantings, etc.</p>

How to Apply

- Who:** Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or small businesses located in Chicago. The Fund prioritizes projects located in environmental justice communities that are disproportionately impacted by climate change.
- What:** All proposed projects are reviewed using a set of criteria that emphasizes impact, equity, and project readiness.
- When:** The application period is open through February 24, 2023.
- Where:** Please use the [DPD Universal Application](#) to submit an application online.

Want to Learn More?

Visit the www.chicago.gov/ClimateFund to review pertinent information, register for or watch a webinar, access additional resources, and review FAQs.

Email any questions to: ClimateFund@cityofchicago.org



The \$5 million Climate Infrastructure Fund is part of a larger suite of community climate investments and environmental justice initiatives in the Chicago Recovery Plan. Applications will be made available by the City of Chicago through a series of competitive funding rounds until the Fund is exhausted. Projects falling outside the target funding range may also be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Connecting to the 2022 Climate Action Plan

The Climate Infrastructure Fund is intended to catalyze the vision of Chicago's [2022 Climate Action Plan](#) to accelerate Chicago's equitable transition to a robust green economy for all.

The City of Chicago is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are causing and expediting climate change, bolstering community resiliency to withstand the impacts that Chicagoans are already experiencing, and doing so with intentionality to assure the benefits of such actions reach every neighborhood.

Climate Co-Benefits



Economic Inclusion and Savings



Reduced Pollution Burden



Equitable Access to Critical Infrastructure



Community Health and Resiliency

Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Grant (ETOD) Deadline March 15th

ETOD is development that enables all people regardless of income, race, ethnicity, age, gender, immigration status or ability to experience the benefits of dense, mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented development near transit hubs. ETOD elevates and prioritizes investments and policies that close the socioeconomic gaps between neighborhoods that are predominately people of color and those that are majority white.

This grant will support:

- Residential real estate projects (e.g., affordable housing, co-operative housing); and
- Commercial real estate projects (e.g., neighborhood retail, community kitchens, neighborhood centers);
- Mixed-use estate projects (e.g., artist live/workspaces, community hubs)

ETOD Pre-Development Grant awardees will be able to get funding for the activities that take place before projects are ready to move into the development phase, for example:

- Creating a clear project scope
- Appointing a project manager
- Refining design and engineering documents
- Creating detailed project cost estimates
- Establishing a financial proforma
- Confirming the project site is compatible with zoning rules.
- Paying for essential due diligence costs

ETOD Pre-Development Grant program will grant up to \$150,000 to eligible organizations to execute planning and pre-development activities for ETOD initiatives during a twelve-month period (with the opportunity for extension).

<https://cocdpd.submittable.com/submit>

Neighborhood Opportunity Fund

The Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (NOF) is a small business grant program from the City of Chicago that supports catalytic investments in Chicago's South, Southwest and West sides. Business and property owners may apply for grant funding to pay for development projects that support new or expanding businesses and cultural assets. Created in 2016, the program is financed by zoning bonus fees from downtown development.

HOW ARE PROJECTS SELECTED?

Applications are prioritized using five key factors, including the ability to have a catalytic impact on a community or commercial corridor:

- 1. Location.** Applicants must submit projects that are located within the Qualified Investment Area (QIA).
- 2. Catalytic impact.** Applicants should submit projects that provide services or goods currently lacking in an area, and specify how their projects will build stronger communities or commercial corridors.
- 3. Project readiness.** Applicants should have site control of the project property, or be engaged in the process to obtain site control. Selected properties should not have significant issues, such as mechanic liens, court orders or past due property taxes.
- 4. Project financial feasibility.** Applicants should clearly identify the uses of grant funds and the sources of, or the strategy to obtain, their portion of project funding.
- 5. Construction implementation.** Applicants should demonstrate a clear and ready path to implementation.

The City's Department of Planning and Development reviews all applications and submits them to an Advisory Committee comprised of community leaders who represent a cross-section of neighborhoods. The committee reviews DPD's recommendations for final selection and provides feedback.

IF I AM AWARDED A GRANT, HOW AND WHEN DO I GET THE FUNDS?

NOF funds are issued on a reimbursement basis; therefore, all applicants must demonstrate personal equity holdings of at least 25% of the total project cost to compensate for initial project payments. Grant recipients must pay up front for costs associated with their project, and provide supporting documentation of those expenditures, in order to receive the funding they have been awarded. For information on NOF project support and assistance available to grant recipients, please visit neighborhoodopportunityfund.com/grantee-support/.

Grant recipients may begin work on their projects upon receiving a Conditional Award Letter from DPD. The City will not reimburse NOF project expenses incurred by a grant recipient before he/she receives a Conditional Award Letter, nor will the City retroactively award grants for projects completed outside of the formal grant process.

HOW LONG DOES A TYPICAL PROJECT TAKE, FROM APPLICATION TO COMPLETION?

Applicants are encouraged to develop their projects in advance of the application deadline. If awarded a grant, projects should ideally take 18-24 months to complete. Applications are accepted two times each year, typically during the months of January and July. Below is an example of a project timeline beginning during the January application period.

- 1 Month (Applicant) | Jan – Feb 2020**
 - Develop project
 - Complete Pre-Screener
 - Submit Application (allow approximately two months for decision)
- + 6 Months (Finalist) | Apr – Sep 2020**
 - Submit legal documents
 - Clear Scofflaw
 - Submit project documents
- + 1 Year (Grantee) | Oct 2020 – Oct 2021**
 - Receive Conditional Approval Letter
 - Obtain permits
 - Begin construction
 - Take occupancy
 - Begin business operations

For more information, visit www.neighborhoodopportunityfund.com
Want to get in touch? Email us at nof@cityofchicago.org



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CITY OF CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND



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WHAT PROJECTS CAN RECEIVE NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND GRANTS?

NOF awards grants to projects that have a catalytic impact on the neighborhood and lead to the construction or rehabilitation of publicly accessible commercial spaces or cultural establishments, such as grocery stores, retail shops, restaurants, museums and community centers. NOF does not award grants for the construction or rehabilitation of residential uses, manufacturing or industrial uses, or places of worship that do not identify commercial as the primary use of a project.

Proposed projects must be located within the Qualified Investment Area (QIA), located in the City's South, Southwest and West Sides, to be considered for funding. Please visit neighborhoodopportunityfund.com/map to determine if your project is located within a qualifying corridor.

Acceptable Uses of Grant Funds

- ✓ Land acquisition and assembly
- ✓ Building acquisition, demolition and environmental remediation
- ✓ Security measures
- ✓ Roofing, façade repair and mechanical system repairs
- ✓ Architectural and engineering fees
- ✓ Minor site improvements, such as fencing or planters, when part of an eligible project
- ✓ Other soft costs associated with eligible hard costs

Unacceptable Uses of Grant Funds

- ✗ Minor repairs and improvements (i.e. painting)
- ✗ Construction/rehabilitation of residential units or the residential portion of a mixed-use building
- ✗ Support programs or services
- ✗ Repairs or improvements to bring a building into compliance with the City of Chicago's Building Code
- ✗ Operating expenses
- ✗ Travel or lodging/hotel expenses

Small Projects (grants up to \$250,000)

- NOF Small Projects must be located in an Eligible Commercial Corridor, which are public streets that are generally zoned for retail or commercial uses. Projects are required in these locations so that they can be concentrated to create a larger, collective impact. Projects may also be located within a Priority Investment Corridor, which is similar to an Eligible Commercial Corridor, but has a greater amount of retail or commercial activity. Although not required, projects located within Primary Investment Corridors, will receive extra weight during the application review process.
 - Must be located in an Eligible Commercial Corridor
 - May also be located within a Priority Investment Corridor and/or an INVEST South/West Community Area (and will receive more credit during the application review process)

Large Projects (grants exceeding \$250,000, up to \$2.5M)

- NOF Large Projects do not have to be located in an Eligible Commercial Corridor but must be located within the Qualified Investment Area (QIA). Large Projects must receive City Council approval and a Redevelopment Agreement that governs the terms of the grant. Large Projects are subject to the City’s construction compliance requirements, which include MBE/WBE, Local Hiring and Prevailing Wage (as established by the Illinois Department of Labor). We encourage applicants to contact us with questions about NOF Large Projects in advance of applying.
 - May be located inside, or outside of, an Eligible Commercial Corridor
 - May be located in an INVEST South/West Community Area (and will receive more credit during the application review process)
 - Must receive City Council approval.
 - Must have a full Redevelopment Agreement that governs the terms of the grant.
 - Must comply with City’s construction requirements (WBE/MBE, Local Hiring and Prevailing Wage)

Program Materials

[Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Brochure - English \(PDF\)](#)

[Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Brochure - Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

You can use the map on the [Apply page](#) to determine if your property is located in one of these eligible areas.

To apply please visit: <https://cocdpd.submittable.com/submit>

Community Wealth Building Planning and Pre-Development Grants Deadline March 15th

As a part of the Chicago Recovery Plan, the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) in partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ), has designed the Community Wealth Building (CWB) Planning & Pre-Development Grants. These grants represent phase two of a three-phase \$15M CWB pilot program to promote models of local, democratic, and shared ownership and control of community assets. **This program will grant up to \$150,000 to approximately 20 eligible organizations** to execute planning and pre-development activities for a community wealth building project during a twelve-month period (with the opportunity for extension).

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/community-wealth-building/home.html>

This grant will support:

- Commercial real estate projects (e.g., worker cooperatives with brick-and-mortar, community investment vehicles);
- Residential real estate projects (e.g., limited-equity housing cooperatives, community land trusts, etc.); and
- Non-real estate projects (e.g., worker cooperatives without brick-and-mortar needs)

Apply: [Click here to create a Submittable account and apply](#)

- Info Session:
 - Click here to [download the slides](#) from the January 31st info session
 - Click here to [view the recording](#) of the January 31st info session.
 - Click here to [download the Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Deadline: The deadline to apply is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 at 11:59 P.M. (BEFORE MIDNIGHT) CT. Late submissions will not be accepted. The City of Chicago encourages Applicants to submit a day in advance to avoid any technical issues.

Department of Housing (DOH) Home Repair Program

The Home Repair Program RFP is seeking administrators to provide a variety of home improvements that may include roof or porch repair/replacement, remediation of environmental health hazards, and climate resilient adaptations such as flood control, air conditioning, energy efficiency boiler and furnaces, insulation, solar energy and decarbonization. The service provider's role is twofold: 1) to perform application administration and 2) construction management oversight of construction contractors. An amendment to the original proposal allows general contractors to now apply to provide construction management services.

The full RFP text, including important additional application information, can be found [here](#). Please review thoroughly before beginning the RFP application.

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Chris Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Housing at Christopher.Smith2@cityofchicago.org.

Apply here: <https://cocdpd.submittable.com/submit/ffa12b55-d84c-419a-968d-66bbf6596625/department-of-housing-home-repair-program>

HomeMod- Program

The HomeMod Program provides accessibility modifications for Chicago residents with disabilities, with low income. Renters and homeowners may apply. Landlord permission is required for renters. Modifications may include ramps, porch and stairlifts, roll-in showers, widened doorways, accessible sinks, and cabinets. HomeMod works with licensed, insured, and experienced home remodeling companies. All services will be performed in accordance with federal, state, and municipal accessibility legal requirements. Qualifying individuals may re-apply for additional modifications after waiting one year from service.

What kind of modifications can be made?	What are the eligibility requirements?	What are the benefits of participating in the HomeMod Program ?
<p>A licensed contractor, along with MOPD staff, will conduct in-home assessments of the client's home environment to determine what accessibility features will enhance the person's independence and safety.</p> <p>Typical alterations include kitchen and bathroom modifications and the addition of interior and exterior lifts and ramps. Specific modifications can include the installation of grab bars, lowering cabinets and countertops and widening doorways. Subsequent work may include, but is not limited to: plumbing, electrical, carpentry, masonry, dry walling, tiling and painting. All services will be performed in accordance with federal, state and municipal accessibility legal requirements.</p> <p>Modifications are based on available funding. Site inspections are performed by licensed, insured and experienced home remodeling companies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicago residents with disabilities under 60 years of age. • Must be head of household, spouse or legal dependent of the head of household • Households with incomes below 80% of the area median income may qualify. • Both homeowners and renters may qualify for this program. • Payment of any outstanding property taxes. • If applicable, child support compliance. <p>Prior to beginning modifications, MOPD will perform on-site inspections for environmental issues and lead-based paint. In addition, MOPD will verify that there are no existing Building Code violation(s) for the residence undergoing modifications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows people with disabilities to achieve their maximum level of independence. • Provides a safe and suitable living environment for people with disabilities and their families. • Enhances the independence of people with disabilities. An accessible living environment provides people with disabilities a greater opportunity to fully participate in all aspects of life, such as employment, recreation and education. • Increases the housing stock for people with disabilities—making apartments and single family homes accessible ensures that people with disabilities have appropriate and safe housing.
		<p style="text-align: center;">When to Apply</p> <p>The application period for the HomeMod Program is open year around.</p>



Online Application: [Here](#) Printed applications are available by request at 312-743-5767. Proof of age, disability, household income, and building insurance must be submitted with the application. Applications are accepted year-round at the Central West Community Center located at 2102 W. Ogden Ave, Chicago, IL 60612 or by email at MOPDHomeMod@cityofchicago.org

Corridor Ambassadors Program Deadline March 10th



The Department of Planning and Development's Corridor Ambassador program is enabling community-based organizations to enhance their support for commercial corridors across Chicago.

The program involves partnership with organizations that will work with the City to hire and train community members to serve as ambassadors, creating a visible, welcoming presence at neighborhood commercial centers for residents and visitors.

In the course of their work, ambassadors are expected to:

- Actively engage pedestrians by greeting people, sharing directions and providing escorts.
- Discuss and address public safety priorities.
- Share information on upcoming programming and activities.
- Connect with public safety resources, including the Chicago Police Department, on security and safety needs.

In February 2023, DPD issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking additional organizations interested in participating in the Corridor Ambassador program. Awards are anticipated up to \$235,000 per commercial corridor. Contracts with selected organizations are expected to be signed by May 1, 2023, allowing for ambassador recruiting and training prior to ambassadors being active on the corridor by June 1, 2023. The expected contract end date is December 31, 2023.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Download the Corridor Ambassadors RFP on the City's [Supplier portal](#).
(See DPD Solicitation #9337 / Specification # 1266292)

Request for Information (RFI): Identifying Decarbonization Strategies for Residential Properties Deadline March 6th.

The Department of Housing seeks responses to inform the city about how to effectively and equitably decarbonize, reducing GHG emissions in 1-4 unit residential buildings, which represent 92.9% of Chicago's housing stock.

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doh/supp_info/request-for-information--rfi--on-identifying-decarbonization-str0.html

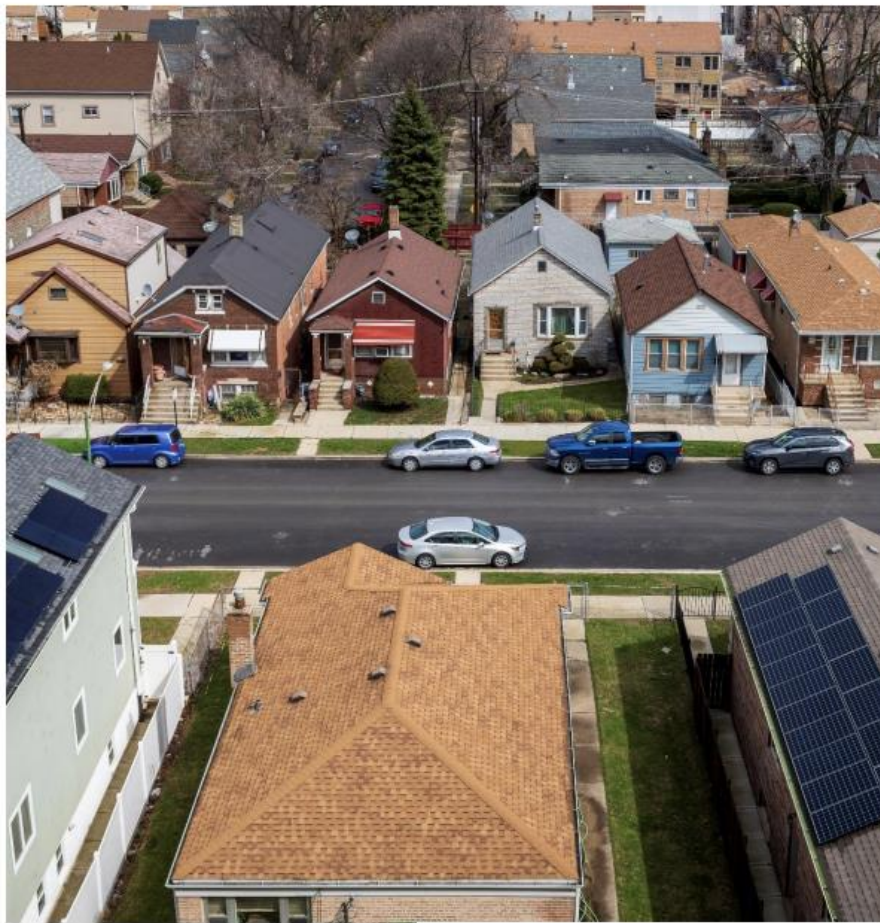
Eligibility

- Private entities, nonprofit and community organizations, utilities, and any subject matter experts with interest in or relevant perspectives on the proposed program

Please submit all responses and any questions regarding the RFI via email to steph.o'connor@cityofchicago.org

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Residential Housing Decarbonization & Retrofits



Chicago Department of Housing
Marisa C. Novara, Commissioner
2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60602

RFI Issued on: **February 6, 2023**
RFI Responses due: **March 13, 2023**
All responses and questions should be emailed to:
steph.o'connor@cityofchicago.org

RFP edited on 3/2/23 to reflect extension of deadline from 3/6/23 to 3/13/23

Economic Development

Small Hospitality Vendors Grant

WBC is looking for **small, Chicago-based, hospitality businesses**



WHO WE ARE

- World Business Chicago (WBC) is the City of Chicago's economic development organization.
- WBC is looking to support diverse hospitality and live events businesses harmed during the pandemic through providing business and growth opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

- We have created a Request for Candidates (RFC) to find diverse, qualified vendors across Chicago that can serve hospitality needs for WBC.
- WBC wants to create a vendor pool of small, Chicago-based hospitality vendors that would be interested in servicing corporate-style events.

MUST...

- Be a hospitality business (audio/visual services, caterers, event planners, event staffers, transportation, etc.)
- Be located within Chicago
- Be a small business with under 500 employees
- Have existed before March 12, 2020

HOW TO APPLY

Review Section 3 of the full RFC for submission requirements (QR code).

Email vendors@worldbusinesschicago.com with questions.

Apply via the Google Form (QR code).

We encourage minority and women-owned and South/West-located businesses to apply!



INFO WEBINAR ***August 23 at 3 pm CT***

Sign up using the QR code.
It will also be recorded and posted to our website:
worldbusinesschicago.com/open-call

SMALL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT FUND (SBIF) Deadline Monthly Basis

The Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) provides grant funding for permanent building improvements and repairs across the city.

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/small-business-improvement-fund/home.html>

Program participants can receive grants to cover between 30 percent and 90 percent of the cost of remodeling work, with a maximum grant of \$150,000 for commercial properties and \$250,000 for industrial properties. The grant, which is administered by SomerCor on the City's behalf, does not have to be repaid.

Can the Small Business Improvement Fund Help Your Business?

WHO	WHAT	WHERE
<p>SBIF grants are available for commercial and industrial business and property owners. Applicants must have a valid city business license, be current with property taxes, and be clear of City indebtedness. Residential projects are not eligible.</p> 	<p>SBIF provides grants to commercial businesses for 30%, 60% or 90% of the costs of permanent building improvements such as storefront renovation, building systems, interior remodeling, and roof replacement. Industrial businesses with 200 or fewer employees are eligible for grants covering 50% of the project cost.</p>	<p>SBIF funds are available to eligible business and property owners in TIF districts with SBIF authorization and available funds.</p> 
WHEN	WHY	HOW
<p>SBIF funds are available for 30 day periods each month.</p> <p>Sign up to receive the SBIF Gram e-newsletter to get the latest info about on deck and open districts.</p> 	<p>Since 1999, SBIF has invested more than \$100 million in small businesses all over Chicago because small businesses are job creators and economic engines in our neighborhoods.</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Confirm your business is in a SBIF district2) Check to see if the application period is open for your district3) Review SBIF grant Eligibility Requirements and Program Rules4) Fill out an application and submit to SBIF@somercor.com

- \$250,000 for industrial properties
- \$150,000 for single-owner commercial properties

- \$250,000 for multi-tenant commercial properties, with a \$75,000 maximum per tenant
- \$250,000 for multi-tenant industrial properties, with a \$100,000 maximum per tenant

Who is eligible?

- Business properties located in a TIF district where SBIF funds are available and the SBIF is open for applications.
- Commercial businesses with gross annual sales up to \$9 million on average over the previous three years
- Commercial property owners with net worth up to \$ 9 million and liquid assets up to \$500,000
- Industrial businesses with up to 200 full-time employees
- Residential projects are not eligible for SBIF grants.

[Apply Now](#)

Workforce Development

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities Career Center

MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

MOPD Career Center

The MOPD Career Center serves job seekers with disabilities, employers and community partners. We have a collaborative approach in working to increase disability employment in the City of Chicago.

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

JOB SEEKERS WITH DISABILITIES:

- Work with a career counselor on your job and career goals
- Help with creating or editing your resume
- Practice interview sessions
- Job Fairs with potential employers
- Be matched with a mentor
- Workshops on reasonable accommodations, disability disclosure, benefits counseling and more
- We serve job seekers at least 16 years old who identify as having a disability and live in Chicago
- Students with disabilities at any City Colleges of Chicago are also eligible for services

EMPLOYERS:

- Technical Assistance in increasing inclusive hiring practices
- Partner on building diverse career pathways
- Participate in mentoring program
- Sign up to be a member of our Employer Network

COMMUNITY:

- Sign up to be a member of our Community Partners Network
- Co-sponsor Job Fairs and other events

CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SERVICES



Appointments are available
by video phone, telephone
and in person.

Central West Community Center
2102 West Ogden Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60612
312.746.5773 | Select Option #3
MOPDCareerCenter@cityofchicago.org

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www.chicago.gov/MOPD

DFSS RFP SPRING Forward Reentry and Employment Navigation (RFP) Deadline March 23rd

The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) Division on Domestic Violence announced the release of the **Prevention Education on Gender-based Violence and Human Trafficking RFP #9214**.

The ideal Respondent will have the resources and experience needed to provide GBV/HT education and awareness in formats and settings where young people, caregivers, and other community members are predominately served or are seeking services. The program should be centered on direct interactions with participants and not on citywide public awareness or exclusive social media campaigns.

For more information, please refer to the application posted on the City of Chicago's eProcurement page:

https://eprocurement.cityofchicago.org/OA_HTML/OA.jsp?OAFunc=PON_ABSTRACT_PAGE&PON_NEGOTIATION_STATUS=ACTIVE

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Certification

CHDO Certification

To be certified as a CHDO, an organization must meet specific legal and organizational characteristics described below. Interested groups can view and respond to an open Request for Information (RFI) application, accessible on the [Department of Procurement Services \(DPS\) website](#). The CHDO certification period opens each fall and continues through the winter. For FY23, the RFI will be open until March 31, 2023.

To be eligible, organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Be an existing non-profit 501(c)(3) development agency.
- Meet the regulatory Board Composition Threshold
- Have organizational capacity and set organizational structure to carry out the activities they are planning.
- Have sufficient capital to advance their projects.
- Have sufficient capital to advance their projects.
- Adhere to all federally established CHDO requirements including:
 - [24 CFR 92 Subpart G](#)
 - [CPD-97-11 CHDO Guidance](#)
 - [CPD-06-01 CHDO Operating Expenses](#)
 - [CPD 97-09 CHDO Proceeds](#)

Capacity Building Award

Existing CHDO-certified organizations may apply for up to \$50,000 in funding for capacity-building activities. The CHDO Capacity-Building Award is available through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, which opens during the City's Community Development Grant Application (CDGA) round. A notice of the next CDGA RFP funding opportunity will post on the [DPS website](#). To be eligible to apply to the RFP, organizations must have an unexpired CHDO Certification issued during the RFI or annual renewal process. In addition to the CHDO Certification requirements, respondents to the Capacity Building Award must also:

- Have plans that are well grounded in understanding current community housing conditions, housing needs, and need for supportive services.
- Commit to advancing the housing needs of people marginalized by race, ethnicity, citizenship, ability, sexual orientation, arrest or conviction record, or income.

Cultural Opportunities

CityArts Program Deadline March 24th

The goal of DCASE's CityArts Program is to encourage the attainment of artistic excellence and financial stability. Nonprofit arts and culture organizations of all sizes can apply for general operating grants.

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/culgrants/programs/city-arts.html>



**IS YOUR ARTS ORGANIZATION
IN NEED OF FUNDING?**
Grants support Chicago organizations across
all artistic disciplines

2023 Programs Now Open

Nonprofit arts and culture organizations of all sizes can apply for recovery grants and general operating grants.

Chicago Arts Recovery Program application deadline is February 28, 2023, at 5PM CT

CityArts Program application deadline is March 21, 2023, at 5PM CT

Must have a primary mission to create, produce, present, provide, or support arts and culture activities or services.



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CityArts Grant Amounts

General Operating grant amounts for selected grantees will be determined as outlined below, based on the organization’s average Annual Revenue over the past three years.

- Average Annual Revenue of \$10,000: Grant amount will be approximately equal to the organization’s average annual revenue.
- Average Annual Revenue of \$10,000 - \$100,000: Grant amount will be up to \$10,000.
- Average Annual Revenue of \$100,000 - \$500,000: Grant amount will be up to 10% of the organization’s average annual revenue and no more than \$25,000.
- Average Annual Revenue of \$500,000+: Grant amount will be up to 5% of the organization’s average annual revenue and no more than \$50,000.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a CityArts grant, applicants must meet the following criteria.

Organizations must:

- Have a primary mission to create, produce, present, provide, or support arts and culture activities or services for the public.

- Offer programs in an artistic discipline, operate as a museum, or serve as an arts service organization.
- Be a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization incorporated in the state of Illinois for at least 12 months prior to applying (must have been incorporated as of January 2022).
- Be a resident company in the city of Chicago with a valid street address (P.O. Boxes will not be accepted).
- Primarily serve the residents of the city of Chicago (demonstrate that, on average, half of all programming occurs within the city of Chicago limits).
- Not have already received a CityArts general operating award in 2022, that is up for renewal in 2023.
- Not be receiving other significant support (cash or In Kind) from the City of Chicago or a City of Chicago Delegate Agency. Significant support is defined as more than \$1M within the calendar year towards an organization's annual budget.

Chicago Presents

Chicago Presents is a grant program to support the presentation of free arts programming in Chicago neighborhoods while bolstering the local arts event industry.

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/culgrants/programs/chgo_presents.html

Established and emerging cultural presenters are invited to submit proposals for large-scale indoor or outdoor events across artistic disciplines that will occur anytime in 2023. Chicago Presents funding aims to support free, live, in-person public events, including festivals, series, art fairs, block parties and parades, spanning all genres, that activate Chicago's neighborhoods. Proposals to enhance existing events or to provide for new events are both eligible. We anticipate making approximately 30-40 grants for amounts ranging from \$10,000 - \$75,000 with consideration of size of event.

Eligibility Criteria

- Arts nonprofit organizations, community-based nonprofits, and for-profit cultural venues and businesses based in the City of Chicago with a valid street address are eligible to apply.
- Individuals are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants should demonstrate at least a three (3) year history of presenting public arts and culture, though this does not need to be consecutive.
- Organizations selected as grantees through the 2022 Neighborhood Access Program, 2022 Together We Heal Creative Place Program, or the 2022 CityArts project grant program are not eligible for a Chicago Presents grant supporting the same project. CityArts general operating grantees remain eligible for support through Chicago Presents.
- For proposed new events and/or events by emerging presenters, considerations regarding additional support for technical assistance will be considered when reviewed.

Program Requirements

- Proposed event must take place during calendar year 2023.
- Admission to the event must be free and open to the public, with no fees or suggested donations for entry.
- Activities supported by grant must have a primary focus on arts and culture (including music, dance, theater, literary arts, film & media arts, visual arts/design OR a combination across disciplines).
- Events must feature performances or works by at least two artists or creative groups and provide a live, in-person engagement opportunity for the public. Events that include at least one Chicago-based artist will receive priority.
- Event site must be confirmed.
- Event must occur within the city of Chicago.
- Event may be indoors or outdoors and must operate in full compliance with all current business, public health, and safety guidelines for public events in the City of Chicago. Presenter is responsible for obtaining all necessary additional permissions and licenses required for event.
- Presenters are required to provide for equipment and staffing appropriate for the type of arts activity, size of venue, and audience as applicable for event.
- Receptions, reunions, graduations, award functions, seminars or workshops, political events, or religious services are NOT eligible for this program.

Chicago Arts Recovery Program Deadline Extended March 16th

Goal: To support the arts and culture sector's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic via:

- Project grants to nonprofit arts organizations, aligned with their identified needs.
- Focus on supporting projects that have potential to impact the rebuilding and recovery of Chicago's arts and culture sector at large.
- Project evaluation and peer learning to share results, best practices, and models that can help the field.

Grants requests can range from \$50,000 - \$250,000. Applicants can request up to \$250,000 regardless of their budget size. We anticipate making up to 45 grants through this program.



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CHICAGO ARTS RECOVERY PROGRAM

Support for nonprofit arts organizations in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

Application Now Open

Application deadline is February 28, 2023 at 5PM CT.

Nonprofit arts and culture organizations of all sizes can apply for grants ranging from \$50,000 - \$250,000.

Grants will support solution-oriented initiatives in marketing and audience development, facilities access and management, technology, planning, and workforce development.



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To be eligible to apply for a Chicago Arts Recovery Program Grant, projects must be a response to a problem, challenge or harm the organization is facing related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To be eligible to apply for a Recovery Program Grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization.
- Have a primary mission to create, produce, present, provide, or support arts and culture activities or services for the public.

- Be a resident company in the city of Chicago with a valid street address (P.O. Boxes will not be accepted). National organizations with a Chicago branch are eligible.
- Have been incorporated and operating in Chicago prior to March 2020.
- Have experienced negative impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic as indicated by rising costs and/or decreases in overall income, earned income, audiences, subscribers, students, partners and/or number of programs.