



# Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund

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**OVERVIEW:**

- Emergency Loan Fund to provide over \$100 million in low-interest loans to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 crisis
- Fund was created under the leadership of Mayor Lightfoot, the City Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer.
- Administered by BACP through Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) partners
- Applications are available today at [www.chicagoresiliencyfund.com](http://www.chicagoresiliencyfund.com)
- This is a stopgap measure to provide immediate cash flow for businesses affected by COVID-19.



**BUSINESSES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

- Suffered more than 25% revenue decrease due to COVID-19
- Employ fewer than 50 employees and have gross revenues of less than \$3 million in 2019
- At least 50% of employees reside in Chicago.
- Provide a City business address or City business license
- No pre-existing tax liens or legal judgments.
- In operation for at least 1 year.



## **LOAN TERMS:**

- *Repayment Term:* Low-interest loans for a term of up to five years.
  - Fixed Annual rate on the loan will be 1% for first 18 months
  - After 18 months rate will increase to 5.75%
  - For months 1-6: \$10 monthly payment of principal; no interest
  - For months 7-12: Interest only payments
  - Month 13 and thereafter: Monthly principal and interest payments
- *Loan Amount:* Up to \$50,000 but sized based on revenues– 3 months average monthly revenues before the COVID-19 outbreak.
- *Loan Proceeds:* Proceeds are required to be used for working capital. At least 50% of proceeds should be applied toward payroll and commitment to retain the workforce at 50% of pre-COVID-19 levels for at least 6 months.



## HOW TO APPLY

- Apply at [www.chicagoresiliencyfund.com](http://www.chicagoresiliencyfund.com)
- As part of the application, you will need to provide the following documents:
  - A valid business address within the City of Chicago
  - A valid business license, if applicable
  - Bank statements dating back to October 2019
  - Your most recent tax return
  - Photo ID (CityKey will be accepted) of the loan applicant business owner
- Additionally, the loan applicant will be subject to a debt check by the City of Chicago.



## **APPLICATION SUPPORT**

- The Resiliency Fund has a team of experts ready to guide applicants through the application. For FAQs and information on how to submit a question, visit [www.chicagoresiliencyfund.com](http://www.chicagoresiliencyfund.com).
- Some Chicago Neighborhood Business Development Centers (NBDCs) are providing free remote/virtual application support for the Loan Fund. Visit [www.Chicago.gov/nbdc](http://www.Chicago.gov/nbdc) for a list of these NBDCs.



# Questions?

