

Gurnee Business Partners:

The application window for **Illinois Back 2 Business Grants (B2B) Grants** is closing on **October 13**. Grants of \$5,000- \$150,000, can help business owners offset losses, bring back workers, and take continued steps to rebuild.

Complete grant information can be found at:

[Back to Business Grant Program Overview](#)

[Eligibility criteria and priority categories](#)

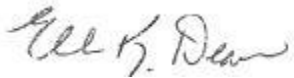
[Frequently asked questions](#)

- On Wednesday, October 6, Representative Joyce Mason be hosting her final Back to Business grant event at the Zion City Hall, 2828 Sheridan Road, from 4-7pm. All small business owners are welcome. There will be navigators, including Spanish speaking navigators, from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) there to answer questions and assist business owners with completing and submitting their grant applications.
- A recent DCEO webinar about how to apply for B2B can be viewed [here](#).

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recently announced enhancements to the **COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)** program. Business owners that have received loans through the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), or Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) can still benefit from COVID EIDL. The last day for applications is December 31, 2021 but all applicants should file as soon as practicable. To learn more about the application process, visit www.sba.gov/eidl. If you have questions about your already submitted EIDL application, contact the SBA Disaster Customer Service Center at [\(800\) 659-2955](tel:8006592955) or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Lastly, just a reminder to business owners that, if your **PPP loan is \$150,000** or less, and your lender is participating, you may be eligible to apply for **direct forgiveness through SBA** using its [online portal](#). [Find out](#) if your lender is participating. Watch a [video](#) about how to use the portal. [Apply](#) for forgiveness. For additional information, visit the [SBA website](#).

Sincerely,



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