

NOW AVAILABLE: COVID-19 Emergency Grant Assistance for Small Businesses in Kane, Kendall, and DeKalb Counties

The Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment is pleased to announce that it is now accepting grant applications from small businesses facing financial impacts from the COVID-19 emergency. The program, which is funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, aims to provide assistance to small businesses in order to avoid layoffs due to Illinois Executive Order 2020-10 (COVID-19 Stay-at Home Order). Funds from this reimbursement-based program will be used to help eligible businesses mitigate layoffs and adhere to “social distancing” provisions established by state and federal public health authorities. It is not intended to duplicate other types of assistance available from federal, state, or local government. Individual awards under the program may range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per employer/physical location. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Program guidelines, application materials, and a “frequently asked questions” can be found [here](#). Questions should be emailed to WIOAProgram@countyofkane.org. Businesses located outside Kane, Kendall, and DeKalb Counties are encouraged to request contact information for their county’s local workforce development office.

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The Office of Community Reinvestment’s Workforce Development Division provides services to ready the workforce for employment through federally-funded programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of the nation’s businesses and the needs of job seekers and those who want to further their careers. Our program serves the residents of Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties, and is overseen by a local Workforce Development Board, which includes representatives from across the three-county area.