

Small Business Capital and Infrastructure Grant Program



The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) supports statewide economic development by offering resources and services to businesses, individuals and communities through financial incentives, grants, skill-based training, and other programming.

DCEO's Office of Economic Equity & Empowerment (OE3), formerly OMEE, advocates for equitable economic opportunities across the state of Illinois for minorities-, women-, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities.

Find out more about OE3 programs and team contact information at dceo.illinois.gov/oe3.



The Small Business Capital and Infrastructure Grants Program will support small businesses with capital resources that can be used for infrastructure improvements, acquisition of essential equipment, or purchase of new property.

Award Range: \$10,000 - \$245,000

Eligible Applicants: Businesses owned by Socially Economically Disadvantaged Individuals (SEDI) with a maximum of 25 full-time permanent employees OR Very Small Businesses (VSBs), businesses with less than 10 employees

Application Deadline: April 7, 2025 at 5 p.m. (apply at <https://bit.ly/3ZM5iTM>)

To learn more about the complete eligibility criteria, application process, deadlines, and presentation schedules, visit <https://bit.ly/4a4IJQ0>.

Steps to get pre-qualified for State of Illinois programs

STEP 1 **Obtain** a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) – FREE

STEP 2 **Register** with the Illinois Secretary of State and obtain a Certificate of Good Standing – COST

STEP 3 **Register** at System Award Management (SAM.gov) – FREE

STEP 4 **Register** with the Grant Accountability & Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal – FREE

STEP 5 **Check** your entity's Prequalification status in the GATA Grantee Portal to ensure your entity is in good standing.