

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (BACP) released the following private grant sources for small businesses dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Facebook Small Business Grants Program**

Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits to businesses experiencing disruptions resulting from the global outbreak of COVID-19.

**Timeframe** - April 20, 2020 - Deadline May 6, 2020

**Amount** - \$4000 grants for U.S.recipients - \$2500 cash, \$1500 in ads credits.

**Eligibility Requisites** - [www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants](http://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants)

For additional resource to prepare and manage disruptions like COVID-19, visit Facebook's Business Resource Hub: [www.facebook.com/business/boost/resource](http://www.facebook.com/business/boost/resource)

### **Hello Alice - Business for All Grants**

Hello Alice, with the support of Verizon, Silicon Valley Bank, eBay, and others, is offering \$10,000 emergency grants to small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

**Timeframe** - Ends July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Access Application** - <https://businessforall.helloalice.com/>

**Eligibility** - <https://businessforall.helloalice.com/grant-rules>

For additional resources and programs: [www.covid19businesscenter.com](http://www.covid19businesscenter.com)

### **The Spanx by Sara Blakely Foundation and GlobalGiving Red Backpack Fund**

The mission of Spanx and The Spanx by Sara Blakely Foundation is to elevate and support women through entrepreneurship. The Foundation donated \$5 million to support female entrepreneurship in the wake of COVID-19. Partnering with GlobalGiving, they established the Red Backpack Fund;

**Timeframe:** Between May and September 2020, **The portal will open for applications**

**May 4, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6, and August 3.**

**Amount** - 1,000 grants of \$5,000

**Eligibility:** <https://globalgiving.typeform.com/to/j1sf32>

### **Yelp & GoFundMe - Small Business Relief Fund**

Together, Yelp and GoFundMe are making it easy to donate directly to the businesses they love, and support their communities. By leveraging Yelp's opt-in program, business owners can claim their GoFundMe fundraiser with the click of a button. It will be displayed on the business's Yelp page, giving more visibility to the fundraiser.

The Yelp Foundation and GoFundMe have pledged to match up to \$1 million in total donations from matching grants made possible by the Small Business Relief Fund. The Fund, managed by GoFundme.org, will make a \$500 matching grant for the first 2,000 eligible businesses that claim or otherwise start their fundraising page on GoFundMe and raise \$500.

**Timeframe:** March 24 until Fund is depleted.

**Eligibility:** Log in to your Yelp for Business account, click the Business Information tab, and scroll down to Categories to see your business category on Yelp. Most businesses in the following See the full Yelp Category List: [https://blog.yelp.com/2018/01/yelp\\_category\\_list](https://blog.yelp.com/2018/01/yelp_category_list).