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ILLINOIS BUSINESS INTERRUPTION  
GRANT PROGRAM (BIG)

- » **Historic recovery program created by Governor JB Pritzker as part of the statewide COVID-19 emergency response**
- » **Recognizes enormous burden seen by businesses across Illinois as a result of COVID-19 and civil unrest**
- » **Rapid relief for businesses hit hardest by COVID-19 closures, including minority-owned businesses**
- » **Support reopening of small businesses and the Illinois economy**
- » **Check the DCEO website for application, eligibility, and other information**  
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## BIG FUNDING

Helps businesses offset:

- REVENUE LOSSES
- PAYROLL COSTS
- RENT
- UTILITIES
- OTHER WORKING CAPITAL

## BIG FIRST ROUND

- » More than \$49 million released in first round – relief for 2,800 businesses spanning over 400 communities statewide
- » Equitable allocation, with wide geographic coverage as well as over 50 percent of awards for minority owned businesses
- » Focused on sectors hit hard and early: restaurants/bars, barbershops/salons, gyms/fitness centers, and businesses located in severely distressed communities

## BIG ROUND TWO

- » \$220 million available for all types of small businesses
- » Priority for businesses downstate, in economically distressed communities, and those which remain closed or are operating at severely diminished capacity
- » Tailored grants ranging from \$5,000-\$150,000 for small businesses, based on business losses
- » Additional ongoing BIG grants for childcare provider businesses via IDHS