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State of IL BIG Grant Program Still Available

The State of Illinois is continuing to take applications for the second round of funding for the Business Interruption Grants (BIG) program.



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity

BIG is designed to provide economic relief for small businesses hit hardest by COVID-19 and leverages federal funding provided by the CARES Act to help offset COVID-19 related losses for Illinois small businesses. Funding may be used to help businesses with working capital expenses, including payroll costs; rent; utilities; and other operational costs. To learn more about the State of Illinois BIG program, or to apply, please [click here](#).

Nicor Gas Offering Limited Flex Payment Options

Nicor Gas is currently offering commercial and industrial sales service customers an opportunity to enroll in more flexible payment arrangements for a limited period. Through their parent organization, Southern Company Gas, an online COVID-19 Business Resource Center is also available. To learn more, please [click here](#).



Library Business Center Offering Fall Programming for Small Businesses



The Arlington Heights Memorial Library is offering three upcoming online programs for businesses and NFPs. Registration is free. Please click the links to sign up for any/all of these programs:

[Northwest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Meet Up](#)

Tuesday, October 13, 10:00 am to 11:15 am

Are you a bilingual entrepreneur or a business owner? Join the Northwest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the library in a dual ESL/business program and learn how your business idea or your current business can succeed during these times.

[Introduction to Plunkett Research](#)

Thursday, October 22, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Plunkett Research saves time and effort when you need competitive intelligence, market research, vertical industry marketing data or industry trends analysis. Includes vital industry sectors such as health care, financial services, retailing, entertainment, energy, information technology and more. AHML Library Card required.

[Maximize Fundraising At Your Online Event](#)

Monday, November 9, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Learn how to produce a live online event with great fundraising results and authentic donor engagement. Join Growth for Good founder Katherine DeFoyd in a live, virtual workshop as she shares her framework for producing a virtual evening that will engage donors and exceed fundraising goals.

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