2020 Emergency (IE) Assistance in Response to COVID-19 National Health Emergency

Allowable Activities

- Cleaning Sanitation Services
- Computer Software and Hardware (Computers)
- Call Center/Remote Work Environments
- Cross-Functional and/or Transitional Training
- Production of Essential Goods and Services Needed to Support COVID-19 Response
- Industry Sector Strategy Partnership COVID-19 Response Activities

Prohibited Activities

- Employee Wages/Benefits Including Hazard Pay
- Support Services Childcare, Transportation, Lodging Expenses, or Meals
- Equipment with a per Unit Value over $5000
- Political or Religious Activities
- Branding and Marketing Projects
- Fundraising, Fines, Penalties, Donations
- Individual Memberships Subscriptions
- Unnecessary costs that are not directly related to the purpose of the project

Funding

- Funding available amounts: $5,000 to $50,000 per employer/physical location.
- DCEO may consider proposals that exceed this cap if extenuating circumstances warrant.
- The applicant (East Central Illinois workNet) must document the impact of the COVID-19 on the employers and the layoff risk factors for each project in the application.
- Consideration will be given to the geographic distributions of awards.
- Note that the funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

General Process

- Priority given to small businesses as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration
- Request funding through East Central Illinois workNet

Number of employees affected
- Brief business profile
- Brief Layoff aversion plan and time
- Funds requested and brief budget
- Commitment to keep employees on staff through 45 calendar days from award date
- Commitment of the employer to adhere to the required certifications

Regional and Local Need
- Size of Business
- Impact of the Project - Number of Layoffs Avoided
- Targeted Industries and Occupations
- Economic Impact to Community
- Geographic Distribution of Awards

Please return completed applications to klarson@ccrpc.org or ssharma@ccrpc.org for final processing and submission to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).