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Non-Governmental Resources

Free Stuff – for all Frontline Healthcare Staff including Cook County Hospital Staff, links to review and register:

- Up to .50 off a gallon of gas at BP/Amoco, <http://hosted-pages.id.me/offers/bp>
- One dozen doughnuts, <https://krispykreme.com/response-to-covid19>

AIDS Foundation – [offering emergency financial assistance through the HIV Resource Hub for people impacted financially by COVID-19](#):

- Available to people living with an HIV diagnosis and/or current utilization of PrEP.
- Residence in the following counties: Cook, Dekalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will.
- Demonstrated experience of a COVID-19 related financial crisis.
- Individuals may receive up to \$1,500 in assistance through a one-time payment.
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- The program will be available through February 28, 2021, or until the funds are expended.
- No payments can be made directly to clients, and clients may not be reimbursed for any payments already made.
- Applications will be completed by staff at the HIV Resource Hub and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC).

Small Business

- List your business for Free on these websites if you are continuing delivery, takeout, catering or gift cards:
 - [Dining at a Distance](#)
 - [Shop in Place Chicago](#)
- [ACCION](#)
- [Women's Business Development Center](#)
- [Somercor](#)
- [KIVA](#)

- Interested in pursuing a 0% loan through the nonprofit, KIVA, and receiving matching funds from North River Commission’s partners at LISC Chicago for additional support? [Learn more here about their social lending, crowdsourcing model.](#)
 - The maximum loan on the KIVA platform will increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 during COVID-19.
 - Grace period: New borrowers may access a grace period of up to 6 months for greater financial flexibility.
- **Hello Alice – “Business for All Grants”** Hello Alice – with the support of Verizon, Silicon Valley Bank, and eBay, is offering \$10,000 emergency grants to small businesses impacted by the pandemic. Applications will be accepted through September 25th. For more information, or to apply, please visit <https://businessforall.helloalice.com/>. Also, Hello Alice has launched a COVID-19 Business Resource Center which is updated daily with real-world funding, resources and support for small business owners. Please visit www.covid19businesscenter.com to access this valuable information.
- **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 which will be accepting applications between May and September, 2020. The portal will be open for applications on June 1st, July 6th and August 3rd. For more information, or to apply, please visit <https://globalgiving/redbackpackfund/>.
- **Yelp and 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’ 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 (SBRF). The SBRF, 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. The program will remain in place until the money in the SBRF is depleted. To participate, log in to your Yelp for Business account, click the Business Information tab, and scroll down to Categories to see find your business category on Yelp. Most businesses are listed at https://blog.yelp.com/2018/01/yelp_category_list.

Employee Resources

- Are you a Bartender? Sign up for the Bartender Emergency Assistance Program [here](#).

Artist Resources

- The Emergency Relief Fund is accepting requests for funding to support arts and cultural organizations struggling with immediate lost revenue and non-recoverable expenses due to COVID-19.

- All funding will be unrestricted.
- Open to all arts organizations operating in and serving Illinois – regardless of budget size.
- Organizations must hold 501(c)(3) nonprofit status from the IRS.
- Grant size will be based on the organizational budget and the extent of lost revenue and non-recoverable expenses incurred due to COVID-19.
- Applications may be submitted on a rolling basis. We will do our best to respond within ten business days of your submission.
- Organizations are eligible for grant amounts based on annual expenses for the most recently-completed calendar or fiscal year:
 - \$100,00 and under: \$8,000
 - \$100,000 - \$500,000: \$12,000
 - \$500,000 - \$800,000: \$16,000
 - \$1.5 million + : \$30,000
- [Chicago Artist Guide – \(many\) COVID19 Resources](#)
- [Lawyers for the Creative Arts - Coronavirus Resources for the Arts Community](#)
- [Chicago Mutual Aid](#) (artist organized)
- [Chicago Artist Relief Fund](#) (artist organized)

Non-Profit Resources

- United Way Illinois is collecting money to be disbursed to non profits across the state serving individuals, families and communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. While the application is not yet open, you can fill out a [google form](#) requesting an application and information when it is open.
- IFF is non-for-profit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The organization is hosting a series of webinars for organizations to help with the PPP application and forgiveness process. They are also hosting webinars on how to adjust budgets and strategic plans in the wake of COVID. To learn more and register, you can visit: <https://iff.org/p3forgiveness/>.

Immigrants and Refugees

- [Betancourt Macias Family Scholarship Foundation](#) as created a [GoFundMe](#) to assist undocumented families and individuals specifically. If you are an undocumented immigrant and need immediate assistance, you can request money from these funds [here](#).
- Undocumented and Out of Work because of Coronavirus? Apply for help from New Fund [through](#) April 9.
- Immigrants Rising – Support for undocumented communities during the Coronavirus pandemic. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PxLuuH0->

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Childcare Resources

- If you or someone you know are an essential worker in need of childcare during the school closure period, please consider using or sharing information on Chicago’s Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies helpline. A dedicated helpline has been created so Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies (CC&Rs) can help connect essential worker families to emergency childcare. Call (888) 228-1146, the helpline is available from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday to answer calls but callers can leave messages 24 hours a day.
www.emergencycare.inccrra.org
 - Immigration status is not a requirement for families accessing childcare, and emergency childcare is no different. However, a provider, particularly home providers, must be legal residents to receive reimbursement from the state under the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
- Open Daycares for essential workers as of March 30
 - Irving Park Early Learning Center (Irving Park/Albany Park) – 3023 w Montrose Ave. (773) 539-7422
 - Meaningful Milestone Daycare & Preschool (Avondale) – 2930 N Campbell Ave. (773) 681-0851
 - Luna Park Day Care (North Park) – 3250 W Foster. (773) 463-7195.

Insurance Information

- Cigna Health is waiving all co-pays and out-of-pocket costs for all COVID-19 testing and related medical visits.

Struggling Financially

- [South Side Dads Struggling During Coronavirus Can Get Groceries, Gas, Diapers And More Through Fatherhood Relief Fund](#) (Block Club)
- [UChicago To Deliver 225,000 Meals To South Siders, Launch \\$1 Million Fund For Businesses And Nonprofits](#)
- Abbvie Resilience Foundation has a grant for underserved communities that are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. www.abbvie.com/covid-19crf.html

Housing

- [Housing Resources in Chicago.](#)
- [Chicago Homeless Shelters & Services for the Needy](#) – Homeless Shelter Directory

Food Resources

- [South Side Dads Struggling During Coronavirus Can Get Groceries, Gas, Diapers And More Through Fatherhood Relief Fund](#) (Block Club)

- [Food Resources In Chicago](#) (City of Chicago)
- [Chicago Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens & Food Banks](#) (Homeless Shelter Directory)
- [Chicago Mutual Aid Network Connects Those In Need With Helpers Across The City](#) (Block Club)
- [Grocery Stores Roll Out Senior Shopping Hours So They Can Avoid Coronavirus Crowds](#) (Block Club)
- [Here's How To Get Free Meals For Your Child While CPS Is Closed](#) (Block Club)
- [West Side Food Pantries Offer Delivery, Grab-And-Go Pickup To Keep Residents Fed — And Safe](#) (Block Club)
- [Big Star Ends Meal Giveaway Citing Staff Safety, But West Town Bakery Will Take Over Giving Free Food To Laid-Off Workers](#) (Block Club)

Volunteer

- Nursing and Medical Volunteers needed - The Chicago Medical Corps needs nursing and medical providers and other non-medical volunteers to volunteer to help protect Chicago during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The City and State are looking for any and all health care workers, including nursing and medical students and retirees. Find more information and sign up at www.illinoishelps.net
- City of Chicago: [How to Help: Donate to Emergency Relief Funds and connect with organizations who are leading response efforts for essential needs.](#)
- [Here's How You Can Buy Lunch For Weiss Hospital's Frontline Workers Battling The Coronavirus](#) (Block Club)
- [Got Any Health Care Experience? The City Wants You To Help Battle Coronavirus — Now](#) (Block Club)
- [Englewood Soup Kitchen Carries On During Pandemic, But Needs Help](#) (Block Club)
- [Chicago's Indie Music Venues Need Help. Here's A List Of Fundraisers](#) (Block Club)
- [Rogers Park Residents Form Hotline, Huge Volunteer Team To Help Neighbors During Outbreak](#) (Block Club)
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- [6 Immigrant Groups Protecting Vulnerable From Coronavirus — Here's How You Can Help](#) (Borderless)
- [Need Help In Logan Square? Volunteers Launch Neighborhood Network To Connect People In Need](#) (Block Club)
- [Want To Help, Don't Know Where To Start? Here's A List Of Chicago Groups That Need Donations Right Now](#) (Block Club)
- [Chicago Mutual Aid Network Connects Those In Need With Helpers Across The City](#) (Block Club)
- [Volunteer Opportunities With Serve Illinois](#) (State of Illinois)

- [Want To Help Seniors In Your Area? My Block, My Hood, My City Signing Up Volunteers For Well-Being Phone Calls](#) (Block Club)
- [Blood Donations Badly Needed During Coronavirus Outbreak, Officials Say](#) (Block Club)
- [Pilsen Neighbors Sign Up To Grocery Shop For Older Folks As Coronavirus Spreads](#) (Block Club)
- [Hyde Park Mom Organizes Resource Network To Help Neighbors In Need As Coronavirus Spreads](#) (Block Club)