

# CHICAGO BUSINESS CENTERS

The **Chicago Business Centers** Program is a BACP initiative to fill the gap in local business resources and minimize barriers for entrepreneurs and business owners of disadvantaged communities to properly launch, sustain, and/or expand their small businesses. The Centers provide detailed business licensing and public way use permitting application support, diverse funding opportunities, and specialized professional services.

## CHICAGO BUSINESS CENTER SERVICES

Chicago Business Center representatives provide one-on-one, confidential, no-cost consultations to start-up entrepreneurs, and existing business owners, who need the following types of assistance:

- **Business License, Public Way Use Permit, and City Resources** | City of Chicago business license and public way use permit online applications through Chicago Business Direct; Prepare and connect applicants to meet with a BACP Business Consultant at the Small Business Center (if necessary); Provide guidance on City business support services and navigating processes.
- **Business Funding for Underrepresented Populations** | Business funding (debt and/or non-debt) opportunities especially to those who have historically lacked access to banks and capital networks; Provide information on business funding resources; Connect clients to qualified referral partners.
- **Professional Services and Sector-Specific Guidance** | Business education options for professional development; Provide specialized, sector-specific, business resources; Refer to qualified business education providers.

## LOCATE YOUR NEAREST CHICAGO BUSINESS CENTER



- **Allies for Community Business | a4cb.org**  
135 N Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL 60612
- **Austin African-American Business Network Association | aaabna.org**  
5820 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60651
- **Calumet Area Industrial Commission | calumetareaindustrial.com**  
1000 E 111th St, Chicago, IL 60628
- **Greater Southwest Development Corporation | greatersouthwest.org**  
2601 W 63rd St, Chicago, IL 60629
- **North River Commission | northrivercommission.org**  
3403 W Lawrence Ave #201, Chicago, IL 60625
- **Puerto Rican Cultural Center | prcc-chgo.org**  
2700 W Haddon Ave, Chicago, IL 60622
- **Quad Communities Development Corporation (QCDC) | qcdc.org**  
4210 S Berkeley Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
- **Uptown United | exploreuptown.org**  
4619 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640