

CATALYST GRANT

Cook County
**SMALL
BUSINESS
SOURCE**



Fueling what's next

Would \$100,000 catalyze your business trajectory?

Through the Catalyst Grant, as many as 88 established and growing businesses in select industries will have the opportunity to advance to their next stage of development.

Ready to apply? Use the checklist below to ensure you have the required documentation ready to go.

Required Documents

Please gather the following documents before starting your application. **You cannot save progress or make edits after submitting.** Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- ✓ A valid form of photo identification (must be current and government-issued): examples include a driver's license, REAL ID, state ID, Chicago CityKey, U.S. or non-U.S. passport, permanent resident card (green card), consular ID, military ID, or Native American tribal photo ID
- ✓ Filed 2023 and 2024 federal tax return for your business, including required schedules, forms and attachments
- ✓ Form 941 for Q4 2023 and Q4 2024
- ✓ Illinois Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing

Application Window

September 25 – October 31, 2025
at 5:00 p.m. CT

All applications must be submitted via the Catalyst Grant online application. A laptop or desktop computer is recommended to upload required documentation and complete the application.

Need help? We're here to support you.

Have questions about the Catalyst Grant, required documentation or your eligibility?

Reach out by email at granthelp@a4cb.org or call us at (312) 275-3000. Visit our website to learn more about our Catalyst Grant help desk, plus grant information and assistance events.

Business Advising

The Source offers no-cost business advising that can support your unique business needs and provide one-on-one application assistance. Business advising is provided through The Source's Business Support Organization network. Learn more at cookcountysmallbiz.org/business-advising.

For more information, visit:
cookcountysmallbiz.org/catalystgrant