

Good Food Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

- **I filled out the “expression of interest” for the Good Food Fund grant. When will I receive my grant?**

A: You’re not done yet! The expression of interest form is just the first step. We will review your submission within five business days at the latest and will usually do so within two business days. If you meet the basic eligibility criteria, you will receive an invitation from Allies for Community Business (A4CB) by email to complete the full application.

- **What types of businesses are eligible for this grant?**

A: Businesses throughout the food and beverage supply chain are eligible. If you grow, supply, make, manufacture, sell, or otherwise contribute to food and beverages, you are probably eligible. See the next question for a few exceptions.

- **Are there any food or beverage businesses not eligible for this grant?**

A: The following business categories are not eligible:

- National Chains (Locally-owned franchises are acceptable)
- Liquor stores
- Cannabis dispensaries and other cannabis-related businesses
- Night clubs

- **What if I have a food or beverage business that sells from a truck or at farmers markets?**

A: Your legal business address must be within the city of Chicago to be eligible. Your business address will also influence how many priority funding criteria you meet.

- **What if my business is not located on the West or South Side of Chicago? Does that mean I can’t apply?**

A: As long as you meet the eligibility criteria, we encourage you to apply! Meeting the funding priorities (like being located on the West or South Side) will make it more likely for you to receive funding, but any business that meets the eligibility criteria will be considered.

Eligibility criteria that you must meet:

- Food or beverage business
- Located in Chicago
- Holds a current food and beverage business license
- Filed a federal tax return in 2022
- Has established a business bank account

- **What if we are a food co-op?**

A: Grocery stores are acceptable as long as they are set up as for-profit companies.

- **What if I don't get the full amount of grant money I need?**

A: If you qualify to receive a Good Food Fund grant, you may also be eligible for a low-interest business loan. Learn more at a4cb.org/loans. (Look for the green bar that says "What is the Good Food Fund Loan?")

- **What if our business won't open until later this year?**

A: Unfortunately, you are not eligible for this grant. A 2022 federal tax return is required from all applicants.