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## Google Offers Small Business Fund

In partnership with the [Opportunity Finance Network](#), Google is helping provide funding to CDFIs for low-cost, fixed-rate loans of up to 10-years with an option for interest deferral. Per the program's website:



*Minority and women-owned small businesses, and other underserved local businesses, are facing unprecedented challenges as they navigate COVID-19. The Grow with Google Small Business Fund will help these businesses—especially those in distressed communities—survive this unprecedented crisis. The Fund will allow community development financial institutions (CDFIs) to support both the short-term recovery and long-term financing needs of America's small businesses.*

The application deadline is June 1, 2020. To learn more, or to apply, [please click here](#).

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## Re-Opening Best Practices Guide Available from the ICSC



The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) has assembled a four-page guide of best practices for re-opening your business. Points covered include planning, communication, checking technical systems, and considerations in dealing with your landlord or property manager. Additional best practices are also outlined for retailers and restaurants. This short guide is attached to this email.

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## University of Chicago Requesting Business Feedback on Short Survey

The University of Chicago is reaching out to business owners to take a short and confidential survey about how small businesses have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Your feedback can help improve the types of assistance that city and state government agencies provide to help businesses like yours survive and recover from this crisis. If you would like the chance to shape the government's economic response to this crisis, please take this 10-minute survey by [clicking this link](#).



**To thank you for your response, you will be entered into a lottery for the chance to win one of ten \$500 prizes.** (Researchers will run a computerized random draw and notify winners by May 31st)

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Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in partnership with the strategy consulting firm, Milpa Services, are conducting a statewide survey to measure the COVID-19 impact on Latinx business owners in Illinois. If you are a Latinx business owner in Illinois, please consider completing the 8-10 minute survey. The deadline to complete the survey is May 15, 2020.

[Survey in English](#)

[Encuesta En Español](#)

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