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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The Bureau of Economic Development includes the Office of Economic Development, Department of Planning and Development, the Department of Building and Zoning and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mission

- Pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment and nurturing talent.

Key Initiatives

- The **Chicago Regional Growth Corporation (CRGC)** launched in 2018, drives collaboration across the seven county Chicago region to generate inclusive growth and prosperity. Through its global trade programs it offers grants and technical assistance to support exports and has assisted 155 companies increase their export sales by \$45.7 million and create 165 jobs since 2015.
- **South Suburban Economic Growth Initiative (SSEGI)** provides an opportunity for the County to scale, amplify and leverage regional programs, resources and investments in the South Suburbs. In 2019 SSEGI catalyzed establishment of a new **Small Business Development Center** to serve the Southland, and **targeted infrastructure investments** to support business retention and expansion. Southland political, business and civic leaders are creating new institutional and financial capacity to collaboratively undertake coordinated, large-scale and long-term economic development in the form of the Southland Development Authority expected to launch in late 2019.
- **Sector Partnerships:** Cook and Will Counties launched the industry driven **Will/Cook Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Partnership** to leverage the opportunities and challenges facing this growth sector. This effort represents the launch of the **Calumet Manufacturing Industry Sector Partnership**.



BE COUNTED.



Cook County, in conjunction with the **Complete Count Commission**, will invest \$2 million to champion full participation in the 2020 census with a focus on hard-to-count communities. This includes \$1 million in grants to community organizations to amplify outreach efforts. Visit <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/2020-census>.

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Cook County offers programs and resources to assist:

BUSINESSES with:

- Energy efficiency (PACE)
- Environmental remediation
- Exporting
- Government Procurement
- Infrastructure
- Low interest loans
- Private activity bonds
- Property tax reductions
- Site selection
- Talent Solutions



COMMUNITIES with:

- Affordable housing
- Building codes
- Disaster relief (flooding)
- Fair Housing
- Infrastructure
- Support for community, housing & business agencies
- Resiliency planning and sustainability
- Zoning



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