

## Bureau of Economic Development

December 16, 2020

### Are you a restaurant or bar employee? Register for our Webinar: Support and Assistance for Restaurant & Bar Workers

Join us for a webinar on **Thursday, 12/17 at 10:00 (CST)** to learn more about:

- How to apply for relief
- Information about other organizations and assistance programs helping the food and beverage industry

Introductory remarks will be provided by Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer, Tenth District. Hear from panelists from the Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, the Southern Smoke Foundation, and the West Suburban Cook County American Job Center.

This webinar is being produced in partnership with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Community Recovery Initiative.

[Register here for the webinar!](#)



*Cook County Community Recovery Initiative*

### Looking for a Job during the Pandemic?

The Cook County COVID-19 Recovery Job Training and Placement Program, in partnership with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, can help you get back to work and find new careers.

Apply by clicking the button below or call them at 1-800-720-2515.

[Go here to apply!](#)

## Are You Behind on Bills? Apply for Utility Assistance before Winter Arrives!

Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) has programs to assist eligible residents with paying utility bills.

If you or someone you love are in need of support, you can access programs to pay for your utility bills with our partners at CEDA. Call them at (800) 571-2332.

They offer support through the following programs and online applications. The programs currently open are:

- [Gas & Electric](#)
- [Furnace Repair & Replacement](#)
- [Water Assistance](#)

## Dealing with Eviction or Unresolved Debt?

- Are you behind on your mortgage or property tax payments?
- Do you live in Cook County?

You are not in this alone. You may be eligible for **FREE legal help** from the Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program.

Call 855-956-5763

[Go here to apply for help](#)

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## In Case You Missed It

- Illinois has released new rules in order to combat the spread of COVID-19. Learn more about [Restore Illinois - Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations](#).

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**Mission** - The Bureau of Economic Development's mission is to lead and promote equitable economic growth and community development.

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## Values

**Equity. Engagement. Excellence.**

Learn more about Vital Communities, our strategic plan for economic development, with the [\*Policy Roadmap: Five-Year Strategic Plan for Offices Under the President.\*](#)