The **Chicago Business Centers** Program is a BACP initiative to fill the gap in local business resources and minimize barriers for entrepreneurs and business owners of disadvantaged communities to properly launch, sustain, and/or expand their small businesses. The Centers provide detailed business licensing and public way use permitting application support, diverse funding opportunities, and specialized professional services.

**Chicago Business Center Services**

Chicago Business Center representatives provide one-on-one, confidential, no-cost consultations to start-up entrepreneurs, and existing business owners, who need the following types of assistance:

- **Business License, Public Way Use Permit, and City Resources** | City of Chicago business license and public way use permit online applications through Chicago Business Direct; Prepare and connect applicants to meet with a BACP Business Consultant at the Small Business Center (if necessary); Provide guidance on City business support services and navigating processes.

- **Business Funding for Underrepresented Populations** | Business funding (debt and/or non-debt) opportunities especially to those who have historically lacked access to banks and capital networks; Provide information on business funding resources; Connect clients to qualified referral partners.

- **Professional Services and Sector-Specific Guidance** | Business education options for professional development; Provide specialized, sector-specific, business resources; Refer to qualified business education providers.

**Locate Your Nearest Chicago Business Center**

- **Allies for Community Business** | a4cb.org
  135 N Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL 60612

- **Austin African-American Business Network Association** | aaabna.org
  5820 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60651

- **Calumet Area Industrial Commission** | calumetareaindustrial.com
  1000 E 111th St, Chicago, IL 60628

- **Greater Southwest Development Corporation** | greatersouthwest.org
  2601 W 63rd St, Chicago, IL 60629

- **North River Commission** | northrivercommission.org
  3403 W Lawrence Ave #201, Chicago, IL 60625

- **Puerto Rican Cultural Center** | prcc-chgo.org
  2700 W Haddon Ave, Chicago, IL 60622

- **Quad Communities Development Corporation (QCDC)** | qcdc.org
  4210 S Berkeley Ave, Chicago, IL 60653

- **Uptown United** | exploreuptown.org
  4619 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640

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