

# NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

**Creating a thriving small business ecosystem in Chicago, which is vital to job growth and a strong local economy.**

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection's (BACP) **Neighborhood Business Development Centers (NBDCs)** play a critical role in fostering equitable small-business environments in the communities they serve across Chicago. The NBDC Program consists of local business service organizations that provide no-cost, hyper-local business development assistance to entrepreneurs and business owners throughout the city. NBDCs provide general business licensing and public way use permitting guidance as well as specialized support services.

## **For Entrepreneurs and Current Business Owners**

NBDCs have a strong neighborhood network and coordinate efforts with local aldermen, the City, and other community partners. Our NBDCs have specialized program types dedicated to assisting start-up entrepreneurs and current business owners during every phase of their journey. They can help with:

- Information about a particular neighborhood
- Getting a new small business started
- Troubleshooting City-related issues for small businesses
- Connecting businesses to financial resources
- Business-to-business networking opportunities
- Employment and workforce development assistance
- Consumer marketing assistance
- Connecting your business to the local community

