

# Founders First CDC presents the 2022 Job Creators Quest Grant – Chicago

\$100,000 of grants for diverse-led founders creating jobs in Chicago's communities

Apply by February 4, 2022

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Founders First is committed to increasing the number of diverse founder-led businesses generating over **\$1** million dollars in revenues and creating premium wage jobs.

The Chicago Job Creators Quest Grant provides eligible small businesses in the state of Illinois, with an emphasis on the Chicago area, the chance to receive one of **30 grant packages totaling \$100,000**.

Grant recipients will be selected based on their demonstrated ability to maintain and grow their workforce despite the pandemic, as well as their ongoing commitment to creating premium wage jobs in their communities.

This grant opportunity includes a valuable tuition scholarship for one of Founders First CDC's stellar business accelerator programs. Over 400 diverse-led small businesses have gone through Founders First programs to increase revenue, profitability and team members.

## Program Qualifications:

- Must be located in the state of Illinois
- Must have a current staff of 2-20 employees
- Will have the ability to add 1-2+ net new premium wage jobs in the next 12 months
- Must be B2B (business-to-business) or have at least one component of the company that provides products/services to other businesses
- Founder must be Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA+, Military Veterans, Women, located in an LMI area
- Have annual revenues of between **\$100K and \$3 million**
- Agree to accept a full tuition scholarship to participate in one of the Founder First CDC's business accelerator programs.

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