

METRO CHICAGO EXPORTS

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METRO CHICAGO EXPORTS GRANT PROGRAM

Metro Chicago Exports has announced the launch of a Grant Program to help small and mid-sized businesses grow in international trade, specifically through export. The Grant Program, presented by JP Morgan Chase & Co., will award grants up to \$5,000 to businesses throughout Northeastern Illinois.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) that are Existing Exporters or New-to-Export, with less than 500 employees and located in Northeastern Illinois, are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to the following targeted industries:

- Metals – Fabricated Metal Products
- Equipment – Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Machinery – Engine and Power Equipment
- Plastics – General
- Computers and Electronics – Precision Instruments

WHAT GRANTS COVER

Grant awards up to \$5,000 that will support the company's next steps to going global. Companies may include multiple services and activities in their applications. Awards can be used for services including, but not limited to:

- Marketing
- Compliance
- Business Development
- Education
- Financing
- Consultation

WHERE BUSINESSES CAN APPLY

Program information and applications are available at www.MetroChicagoExports.com. Questions can be directed to Kelsey Schrenk, Program Manager, at 312-589-5773.

WHEN APPLICATIONS ARE DUE

Wave 1: Application deadline May 31, 2015. Award notifications by June 30, 2015.
Wave 2: Application deadline July 31, 2015. Award notifications by August 31, 2015.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Metro Chicago Exports represents an unprecedented collaboration between the City of Chicago/World Business Chicago and the seven counties in Northeastern Illinois (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will) with the goal of increasing exports from SMEs and supporting regional job growth.

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