

# *Employ Illinois*

Linked-Deposit Loan Program  
*for*  
Economic Development



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# What is a Linked Deposit Loan?

- Loan at below-market interest rates
- Provided by State Treasurer's Office in partnership with Illinois financial institution
- Provides targeted benefit to State of Illinois, communities and residents

# How Does It Work?

- Treasurer's Office deposits state funds at discounted interest rate into financial institution
- Financial institution lends to borrower at below-market interest rate
- Participation for up to first 5 years of loan

# Application Process

1. Borrower obtains financial institution's loan approval and agreement to use program
2. Borrower and financial institution complete and submit program application
3. Application package is forwarded for review by Loan Committee

# Financial Institutions

- Banks, credit unions, savings and loans located in state of Illinois
- Over 400 financial institutions (1000s of branches) are approved lenders

# Program Features

- *Easy to use*
- *Low paperwork*
- *Quick turnaround time*

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**Business Loans**

# Program Objective

*To create jobs for Illinois workers  
and support Illinois small businesses*

# Business Loans

- *Small Business*
- *Job Creation*

# Small Business

- For Illinois businesses with gross annual receipts of up to \$3MM
- Businesses in low-income areas may have gross annual receipts of up to \$5MM
- Maximum loan amount = \$1MM

# Job Creation

- Business must create new jobs in order to qualify for loan
- Businesses typically use program to start up or expand
- Deposit amount based on annual payroll + benefits costs associated with jobs created

# How Can Loan Funds Be Used?

- Real Estate
  - Purchase of land
  - Purchase of building(s)
- Construction
  - New construction
  - Rehab/renovation
  - Expansions/additions

# How Can Loan Funds Be Used?

- Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E)
- Inventory
- Working Capital

# *Employ Illinois: Small Business Success Story*

- Bit Brokers International
- Small manufacturing company in central Illinois
- \$165,000 *Employ Illinois: Small Business* loan to expand operations
- Financed construction of fabrication shop and purchase of equipment upgrades
- Enabled business to offer new product line and improve overall efficiency
- Project also generated 7 new, permanent jobs

# *Employ Illinois: Job Creation Success Story*

- Reggio's Pizza
- Expansion of business
- \$1.1MM *Employ Illinois: Business* loan



# *Employ Illinois: Job Creation Success Story*

- Opening of new location
- Expansion of existing location
- Project created 63 new jobs for Illinois residents

*“Without the Treasurer’s Office, we may not be where we are today.”*

– Mr. John Clark, Chairman/CEO – Reggio’s Pizza, Inc.



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**Child Care**

# Program Objective

*To expand access to child care in Illinois through the start-up and expansion of child care facilities*

# How Does It Work?

- Qualifying projects must generate *new DCFS-licensed child care spaces*
- Start-ups & expansions
- Treasurer's Office deposits up to \$10,000 per space created

# How Can Loan Be Used?

- Real Estate
- Construction
- Equipment
- Working Capital

# *Employ Illinois: Child Care Success Story*

- House of Children – Woodstock
- Opening of new facility
- \$800,000 *Employ Illinois: Child Care* loan
- Construction of center
- Purchase of furniture & equipment



# *Employ Illinois: Child Care Success Story*

- House of Children – Woodstock
- Creation of 80 new spaces for children

*“Working with the Treasurer’s Office was absolutely the easiest part of the process.”*

– Ms. Debbie Louise, Owner/Director – House of Children



# Employ Illinois

- *Creating jobs*
- *Growing the economy*
- *Investing in our future*

# For More Information

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