



Kane County 2018 Exports Grant Program

In May 2015, Metro Chicago Exports (MCE) announced the launch of a Grant Program to help small and mid-sized businesses grow in international trade, specifically through exports. The Metro Chicago Exports Grant Program, presented by JPMorgan Chase & Co., awards grants up to \$5,000 to businesses throughout Northeastern Illinois. This innovative and successful grant program has been renewed for 2018.

The Kane County Exports Grant Program provides an additional incentive for Kane County companies to start or increase exporting. Companies located in Kane County which apply for, and are awarded, a grant from Metro Chicago Exports, would be eligible for up to an additional \$5,000 from Kane County to reimburse 50% of eligible expenses associated with implementing an export plan.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Companies located in Kane County which are awarded a grant from Chicago Metro Exports.

WHAT GRANTS COVER

Grant awards up to an additional \$5,000 to reimburse 50% of eligible expenses to support the company's next steps to going global. Grant awards may also cover a Kane County company's participation in the ExporTech© program.

WHERE BUSINESSES CAN APPLY

Program information and applications are available at www.MetroChicagoExports.com.

More information about ExporTech can be found at <https://www.nist.gov/exportech>.

PROCESS FOR KANE COUNTY COMPANIES REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM KANE COUNTY

- Metro Chicago Exports' application process involves two steps – an initial online Client Assessment and a formal Grant Application review of export plans, capabilities and potential. Companies that pass the Client Assessment phase will be invited to submit more comprehensive information about their plans to go global as part of the Grant Application process.
- Companies located in Kane County may request up to \$5,000 in additional funding for eligible activities and/or services by including them in their Grant Application to Metro Chicago Exports.
- MCE will review the applications along with other regional applications.

- For applications from companies located in Kane County that are approved, MCE will advise Kane County regarding applications which include requests for additional funding from Kane County.
- Requests for funding from Kane County will be additionally reviewed by staff with final approval by the Jobs Committee of the Kane County Board.

MONITORING, REIMBURSEMENT AND EVALUATION

- MCE will monitor the grants through their established process.
- Requests for reimbursement of eligible activities and/or services from Kane County funds will be initially reviewed by MCE and forwarded to Kane County for additional review and payment.
- MCE will evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the grants through their established process with additional reporting on the effectiveness and results of the additional Kane County funds.
- The Kane County Jobs Committee may develop additional evaluation and reporting criteria, and if so, will report their findings to the Kane County Board and to MCE.

PREVIOUS KANE COUNTY GRANT AWARDEES

AIR802	Aurora	2015
Radco Industries, Inc.	Batavia	2015
Micro Products Company	Batavia	2015 & 2016
Brasel Products, Inc.	Batavia	2015
InFlight Entertainment Products	Carpentersville	2015 - 2017
Riverbank Laboratories, Inc.	Geneva	2015 & 2016
Miner Elastomer Products Corp.	Geneva	2015 & 2017
SBS Steel Belt Systems USA	Gilberts	2015
Doran Scales	Batavia	2016 & 2017
Humboldt Manufacturing	Elgin	2016 & 2017
Jackpoint Jackstands LLC	Batavia	2017
Microtrace LLC	Elgin	2017
Elgin Industries	Elgin	2017
Monitor Technologies	Elburn	2017

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