

Our Mission and Departments



Our Mission is to foster economic development and job growth within Cook County. **Our Goal** is to strategically leverage resources and provide efficient professional management in order to promote: Sustainable community investment, business growth, attraction, and retention, affordable housing, regional planning and workforce development. **Our Departments:** Planning and Development, Building and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals.

Tools to Grow our Economy

Cook County is home to major hubs of transportation (air, rail, highways), more than 20 Fortune 500 companies, and a robust university and community college network, including the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership. A vibrant County needs robust tools. Find out about ours – to name just a few:

Cook County Property Tax Incentive Programs

BUILT in Cook Loan Fund

Cook County Industrial Development Revenue Bond (IRB) Program

Cook County No Cash Bid Program

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

Community Development Block Grant Program - Disaster Resilience (CDBG-DR)

More information is available on our website: www.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment

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CDBG and ESG Application Page: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/content/grant-applicants-cdbg-esg>

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Growth Zone Website: www.growthzones.com/

South Suburban Economic Growth Initiative (SSEGI): <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/content/south-suburban-economic-growth-initiative-ssegi>

Building and Zoning Website: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/building-and-zoning-0>

Zoning Board of Appeals Website: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/zoning-board-appeals-0>