



# State Senator Karina Villa

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Hello friends & neighbors,

Our economy is on the upswing after a difficult year, but we're far from out of the woods—that's why Illinois is launching Back to Business (B2B), a new \$250 million small business relief program. And there's something else we can all do to help our small business community bounce back: [get vaccinated](#). It's key to bringing down our COVID-19 positivity rates and making a full return to the places and activities we enjoyed before the pandemic.

## Back 2 Business

The B2B program, administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, will award eligible small businesses one-time grants of up to \$150,000 to cover operation costs, staff payroll and other expenses in an effort to make up for losses sustained due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to qualify for a grant, a business must have made \$20 million or less in revenue in 2019 and be able to demonstrate a reduction in revenue in 2020. Applications are now open at: [Illinois.gov/DCEO](https://www.illinois.gov/DCEO).

**Get Ready to  
Get Back to Business!**

**\$5,000–\$150,000  
Small Business  
Grants**



## Senior Mix and Mingle

This Friday, August 27th from 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. my office will be hosting a Senior Mix and Mingle! This event will be a great way for seniors in the community to connect and socialize amongst each other and further connect to our office and senior advisory committee. There will be music, a craft, and activities that will allow seniors to have a good time and relax in good company! Snacks and beverages will also be served. Please call our office with any questions at (630) 326-9319. If attending please submit song requests using this google form:

<https://forms.gle/hNWGggwsXi9sccMC7>

## Community Shredding Event

This Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. our office will be partnering with Representative Maura Hirshauer to host a [community shredding event](#) at Leman Middle School in West Chicago! You can bring up to 3 boxes or 2 paper bags of documents.

## West Chicago Food Festival

West Chicago's annual Food Festival will take place this Saturday, August 28th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be food trucks, live music, and more! For more information, click [here](#). Bring your folding chairs/blankets and enjoy the live music and food.

### **Batavia Windmill Fest**

This weekend is also Batavia's Windmill Fest, taking place at 151 N Island Avenue, Batavia, IL. Activities will take place both Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th from noon - 6 p.m. For a full schedule click [here](#).

### **Redistricting Hearing in Aurora**

The Illinois House Redistricting Committee is set to host a hearing on August 29th at 10 a.m. at the Phillips Park Visitors' Center in Aurora, Illinois. To submit written testimonies, map plans, or testify before the committee email [redistrictingcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov](mailto:redistrictingcommittee@senatedem.ilga.gov).

### **Professional Women's Clothes Drive**

If you are planning on attending our WOW event next coming Wednesday please consider donating some gently used professional clothes! We will be hosting a clothes drive at St Andrew's Lutheran Church in West Chicago on September 13th - 15th.



### **The Autism Hero Project's Gala**

This year AHP will host "The 19th Hole" Gala event on Saturday, September 25th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hawk Country Club in St. Charles. The Gala will have three different meal options including chicken, salmon, and vegetarian. There will also be raffles and silent auction items as well as a live band. This event will raise money for children on the spectrum. Purchase tickets [here](#).

### **What's Next?**

My staff and I look forward to hearing from you! I encourage you to reach out to us at 630-326-9319 (English), 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or [constituentservices@senatorvilla.com](mailto:constituentservices@senatorvilla.com).

Stay cool!

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