

## State Offered Incentives

### **Participation Loan Program (PLP)**

The PLP is designed to work through banks and other conventional lending institutions, to provide subordinated financial assistance to Illinois small businesses that employ Illinois workers. A business with 500 or fewer employees may apply for a PLP loan of not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$750,000. Loans shall not exceed 25% of the total project and may not be used for debt refinancing or contingency funding.

### **Revolving Line of Credit Program (RLOC)**

The RLOC program can provide qualifying businesses with a subordinated line of credit through banks and other convention lending institutions at affordable interest.

### **Illinois Department of Agriculture AgriFIRST Grant Program**

The AgriFIRST program is designed to provide grants to persons and agribusinesses in Illinois for the purpose of developing projects that enhance the value of agricultural products or expand agribusiness in Illinois.

### **Large Business Development Program (LBDP)**

The LBDP is designed to provide grants to businesses undertaking a major expansion or relocation project that will result in substantial private investment and the creation and/or retention of a large number of Illinois jobs. Funds available through the program may be used by a large business for bondable business activities, including financing the purchase of land or buildings, building construction or renovation, and certain types of machinery and equipment. Grant eligibility and amounts are determined by the amount of investment and job creation or retention involved.

### **Employer Training Investment Program (ETIP)**

The ETIP is designed to keep Illinois workers' skills in pace with new technologies and business practices, which in turn, helps businesses increase productivity, reduced costs, improve quality and boost competitiveness. ETIP grants can reimburse new or expanding companies for up to 50% of the cost of training their employee. Trainees must be employed by the company prior to implementation of the training program. Instructors may be plant workers, public educators, private consultants, or others possessing the required expertise. Grants may be awarded to individual businesses, original equipment manufacturers sponsoring multi-company training for employees of their Illinois supplier companies, and to intermediary organizations operating multi-company training projects.

### **Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)**

IDOT has several programs that provide state assistance in improving highway and rail access improvements to new or expanding industrial, distribution or tourism developments. The focus of these programs is the retention and creation of Illinois jobs. Funding may be available for transportation improvement projects related to facilities that provide direct access to economic development projects. Projects providing access to retail establishments, office parks, government facilities or school/universities are not eligible.

## Local Incentive Options

### **Enterprise Zone**

- Local sales tax exemption of 1.25% – 1.75% for building materials purchased from retailers with an Enterprise Zone Sales Tax Certificate (totaling 6.25% with IL incentive of 5%).
- Property tax abatement on improvements in the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone as long as the property is not located in a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF). Abatements vary from 35% to 94% for five (5) years. Abatement is determined by project location. Projects creating 500 full-time jobs and investing at least \$25,000,000 (\$25M) may be eligible for ten (10) year abatement. The Enterprise Zone Administrator will provide a tax abatement estimate upon request.

### **TIF District**

The Fulton TIF Area is approximately 58.8 acres situated near the intersections of Illinois Route 136 and Illinois Route 84. Incremental property taxes are derived from the increase in the current equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of real property within the redevelopment project area over and above the Certified Initial EAV of such real property. Any increase in EAV is then multiplied by the current tax rate to arrive at the Incremental Property Taxes. During the life of the TIF, the property tax revenues are distributed to the city to finance some of the redevelopment expenditures within the TIF area upon approval of the Fulton City Council.

### **Revolving Loan Fund**

The City of Fulton Revolving Loan Fund is used to stimulate economic growth in the City of Fulton by assisting with the retention and growth of an existing industrial and commercial base, providing needed equity to new start-up businesses and providing an incentive for established businesses to relocate to Fulton.

- The City of Fulton is a secondary lender.
- The City may lend up to \$15,000 per each full time employee.
- The City may lend up to 30% of the total project costs.
- Interest Rates are typically lower than a bank but must be approved by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.
- The City's terms on loan vary between 5 to 20 years depending upon loan amount, project and approval from the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.
- Eligible uses of the loan: site development/infrastructure, construction of a new facility, renovation of an existing facility, leasehold improvements, purchase of new or used equipment, and working capital.

### **Business Development Public Infrastructure Program (BDPIP)**

The BDPIP program is designed to provide grants to units of local government for public improvements on behalf of businesses undertaking a major expansion or relocation project that will result in substantial private investment and the creation and/or retention of a large amount of Illinois jobs. The infrastructure improvements must be made for public benefit and on public property and must directly result in the creation or retention of private sector jobs. The local government must demonstrate clear need for financial assistance to undertake the improvements. Grant eligibility and amounts are determined by the amount of investment and job creation or retention involved.

### **Community Development Assistance Program for Economic Development (CDAP-ED)**

The CDAP- ED program is a federally funded program that is designed to provide grants to units of local government for economic development activities related to business retention and or expansion opportunities. The program is targeted to assist low-to-moderate income people by creating job opportunities and improving the quality of their living environment. Local governments qualifying to receive grant funds can then make these funds available in the form of loans to businesses locating or expanding in their community. A local government may request grant funds of up to \$750,000. Funds may be used for machinery and equipment, working capital, and building construction and renovation. The local government may also use the grant funds for improvements to public infrastructure that directly support a specific economic development project. Applications may be submitted at any time. Local government entities located in heavily populated metropolitan areas of the state may receive funding directly from the federal government and therefore, are ineligible for participation through this program.