

# SB2618



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2618

Introduced 2/26/2025, by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Makes supplemental appropriations to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Effective July 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR

AN ACT concerning appropriations.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The following named amounts, or so much thereof as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:

OFFICE OF TOURISM

OPERATIONS

Payable from the Tourism Promotion Fund:

For administrative expenses and grants  
for the tourism program, including  
prior years' cost ..... 4,541,200

Payable from the Tourism Promotion Fund:

For grants, contracts, and administrative expenses  
associated with outdoor recreation, including  
prior years' costs ..... 2,500,000

For grants, contracts, and administrative expenses  
associated with advertising and promoting Illinois  
Tourism in domestic and international  
markets, including prior years' costs ..... 44,000,000

Total ..... \$51,041,200

Section 10. The following named amounts, or so much thereof

as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the  
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:

OFFICE OF TOURISM

GRANTS

Payable from the International Tourism Fund:

For Grants, Contracts and Administrative Expenses  
Associated with the International Tourism Program  
Pursuant to 20 ILCS 605/605-707, including prior  
years' costs ..... 4,000,000

Payable from the Commerce and Community Affairs

Assistance Fund:

For grants, contracts, and administrative  
expenses associated with federal awards  
for Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation  
Programs, including prior years' costs ..... 18,500,000

Payable from the Tourism Promotion Fund:

For the Tourism Attraction Development  
Grant Program Pursuant to 20 ILCS 665/8a ..... 1,800,000

For Purposes Pursuant to the Illinois  
Promotion Act, 20 ILCS 665/4a-1 to  
Match Funds from Sources in the Private  
Sector ..... 600,000

For the Tourism Matching Grant Program  
Pursuant to 20 ILCS 665/8-1 for  
Counties under 1,000,000 ..... 1,250,000

For the Tourism Matching Grant Program

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| 1  | Pursuant to 20 ILCS 665/8-1 for              |                |
| 2  | Counties over 1,000,000 .....                | <u>750,000</u> |
| 3  | Total  | \$26,900,000   |
| 4  | Payable from Local Tourism Fund:             |                |
| 5  | For Choose Chicago.....                      | 4,712,900      |
| 6  | For grants to Convention and Tourism Bureaus |                |
| 7  | Bureaus Outside of Chicago .....             | 21,469,800     |
| 8  | For grants, contracts, and administrative    |                |
| 9  | expenses associated with the                 |                |
| 10 | Local Tourism and Convention Bureau          |                |
| 11 | Program pursuant to 20 ILCS 605/605-705      |                |
| 12 | including prior years' costs .....           | <u>550,000</u> |
| 13 | Total  | \$23,623,000   |

14 Section 15. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as  
15 may be necessary and remains unexpended at the close of  
16 business on June 30, 2025, from an appropriation heretofore  
17 made for such purpose in Article 52, Section 40 of Public Act  
18 103-0589, is reappropriated from the Tourism Promotion Fund to  
19 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity For grants  
20 and awards pursuant to 20 ILCS 665, including prior year  
21 costs.

22 Section 20. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as  
23 may be necessary and remains unexpended at the close of  
24 business on June 30, 2025, from an appropriation heretofore

1 made for such purpose in Article 52, Section 45 of Public Act  
2 103-0589, is reappropriated from the Tourism Promotion Fund to  
3 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a  
4 tourism incentives grant program pursuant to 20 ILCS 665/8a.

5 Section 25. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as  
6 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Tourism Promotion  
7 Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
8 for a tourism incentives grant program pursuant to 20 ILCS  
9 665/8a.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
11 2025.