



## Bank of America Chicago 13.1 Community Vendor FAQs

What is the Bank of America Chicago 13.1?

- The Bank of America Chicago 13.1 is a weekend experience that takes place from June 6 to June 7, 2026 on Chicago's West Side. The race weekend experience celebrates fitness, running and community including:
  - The West Side Wellness Fest on Saturday, June 6 will be in Garfield Park from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. The West Side Wellness Fest includes a Community Shakeout Run, 1.31-Mile Walk, Youth Running Events and a Community Village featuring West Side businesses and organizations. The goal of these events is to celebrate movement, wellness and the vibrant culture of Chicago's West Side. The Wellness Fest events are free with a suggested donation to the Garfield Park Advisory Council, the community voice for their neighborhood park.
  - On Sunday, June 7, a half marathon takes participants on a tour of the historic parks and the boulevards that connect Garfield, Douglass and Humboldt Parks on Chicago's West Side. The Race Day Festival takes place in Garfield Park from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and features a mix of entertainment, health and wellness activities and community activations.

What is a community vendor for the Bank of America Chicago 13.1?

- A community vendor is a local, independent business or organization that directly serves and operates on Chicago's West Side.

What types of vendors do you accept in the community vendor program?

- The community vendor program is an on-ramp for emerging businesses growing their engagement outside of a brick-and-mortar retail space and for organizations to share information about their programming.
- Community vendors must serve and operate on the West Side within the Humboldt Park, West Garfield Park, East Garfield Park, Fifth City, Homan Square, North Lawndale, and/or Douglass Park areas.

What is the cost for becoming a community vendor?

- There is no cost to becoming a community vendor (a value of \$1,000). However, there may be additional fees depending on the onsite activation. Please see below for details.

What is included in the community vendor space?

- Each vendor will receive a 10'x10' tent, one 6-foot table and up to two folding chairs.

What is not included in the community vendor space?

- Wi-Fi is not included.

- Generators are not included. If a generator is needed, there is a limited amount that will be available for the community vendor to rent. Renting a generator costs \$800. Vendors bringing their own generator must receive pre-approval from Event Operations through their CEM contact. Equipment may not exceed 7KW and 60 decibels for self-provided equipment. The event will not provide fuel, technical support or service for non-event provided equipment. The event reserves the right to require removal of any equipment for any reason, including but not limited to safety and or units exceeding decibel requirements.

How many community vendor spaces are available at the Bank of America Chicago 13.1 race weekend?

- Ten (10) vendor spaces are available on Saturday, June 6 at the West Side Wellness Fest and Sunday, June 7 at the Bank of America Chicago 13.1 Race Day Festival.

What is required for community vendors?:

- Along with being a local, independent business or organization that directly serves and operates on Chicago's West Side:
  - All vendors are required to submit a Certificate of Insurance.
  - If a vendor is selling merchandise, product or food, they are required to pay a \$25 Pop-Up User License fee for pop-up use business activities, per the City of Chicago's requirements. Please note, this fee will be collected by the Bank of America Chicago 13.1 organizers.
  - If a vendor is selling or sampling food, they are required to obtain a \$75 [Special Event Food License Application](#). A copy of this food license must be submitted to the Bank of America Chicago 13.1 event organizers.
- Community vendors must engage and interact with participants and spectators beyond sharing flyers and promotional materials. Examples of engagement include:
  - Selling a product, artwork, food, etc.
  - Providing entertainment such as face painting, hands-on activities, spin-the-wheel competitions, etc.

Are there any restrictions on what a community vendor can sell and/or promote?

- Yes, vendors cannot sell or promote anything that is in direct competition with event sponsors, including the sale or giveaway of clothing or apparel. Additionally, vendors are not permitted to display or distribute items featuring sponsor logos. Vendors are encouraged to review our list of [event sponsors](#) in advance to ensure compliance. Please reach out to [communityrelations@cemevent.com](mailto:communityrelations@cemevent.com) for further details.

What guidelines are all community vendors required to follow?

- Propane is not allowed.
- Music is not allowed.
- If a community vendor is selling food, the food must be prepared. Cooking on-site is not allowed.

What are the event's environmental sustainability guidelines for community vendors?

- The Bank of America Chicago 13.1 earned Evergreen Certification from the Council for Responsible Sport, a recognition reserved for sporting events that demonstrate the highest possible commitment to environmental and social responsibility. In order to uphold this certification, below are the event's sustainability guidelines:
  - Locally-sourced ingredients (preferred).
  - Serviceware should be compostable only (plates, cups, utensils, etc.).
    - If you are unable to source compostable materials, the event can source them for you.
  - No Styrofoam.
  - No single-use plastic bags.
  - Donate extra food or compost food that cannot be donated (the event can assist with composting, if needed).

What hours are vendors expected to be present at each event?

- West Side Wellness Fest: **5 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**, Saturday, June 6
- Bank of America Chicago 13.1 Race Day Festival: **4 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, Sunday, June 7

How can I apply to be a vendor?

- To apply, please complete this [form](#).

Who is Chicago Event Management (CEM)?

- Chicago Event Management (CEM) is the event production company that produces the Bank of America Chicago 13.1. To learn more, visit: <https://cemevent.com/>.

For questions, please email [communityrelations@cemevent.com](mailto:communityrelations@cemevent.com).