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Application Due Date/Time:

December 15th, 2024 by 5:00pm (CST)

Submit Application To:

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UNIFORM NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) SUMMARY INFORMATION

1.	Awarding Agency Name:	<i>Illinois Community College Board (ICCB)</i>
2.	Agency Contact:	<i>Mark Mesle, Director for IELCE</i> mark.mesle@illinois.gov
3.	Announcement Type:	<i>New announcement</i>
4.	Type of Assistance Instrument:	<i>Grant</i>
5.	Funding Opportunity Number:	
6.	Funding Opportunity Title:	<i>IELCE Supplemental Support Funds</i>
7.	CSFA Number:	<i>684-01-2879</i>
8.	CSFA Popular Name:	<i>Adult Education – IELCE</i>
9.	Assistance listing number(s):	<i>84.002</i>
10.	Grant Period	<i>July 1st, 2024- June 30th, 2025</i>
11.	Anticipated Number of Awards:	<i>All FY25 IELCE funded programs</i>
12.	Estimated Total Program Funding:	<i>\$1,300,000</i>
13.	Award Range	<i>\$5,000-\$50,000</i>
14.	Source of Funding:	<i>Federal</i>
15.	Cost Sharing/Matching Requirement:	<i>No</i>
16.	Indirect Costs Allowed	<i>Limited</i>
	Restrictions on Indirect Costs	<i>Yes</i>
17.	Posted Date:	<i>November 21st, 2024</i>
18.	Closing Date for Applications:	<i>December 15th, 2024</i>
19.	Technical Assistance:	<i>Additional technical and accessibility assistance will be provided throughout the grant period to grant recipients.</i>

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PURPOSE:

The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) is pleased to announce the availability of \$1.3 million in IELCE Supplemental Support Funds for the funding period July 1st, 2024, through June 30th, 2025. These funds are made available through carryover funds and are designed to support the expansion and enhancement of existing IELCE programs. This funding opportunity aligns with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act(WIOA) Title II.

A. Eligible Applicants

Only currently ICCB-funded (FY25) Title II IELCE programs are permitted to submit proposals under this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

B. Target Population

The ICCB is committed to serving the populations that are most in need of the services as identified under the Illinois Unified Plan <http://illinoisworknet.com/UnifiedStatePlan2020>.

An eligible individual to receive Adult Education and Literacy services as an individual:

- who has attained 16 years of age.
- who is not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law.
- who are basic skills deficient.
- does not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent and has not achieved an equivalent level of education.
- Immigrants and other individuals who are English language Learners.
- Participants with a wide range of educational backgrounds, including those with limited formal education or no credentials from their native countries.

C. Grant Objectives

The supplemental funds aim to:

- Expand Integrated Education and Training (IET) services.
- Purchase additional instructional materials or technology.
- Provide professional development for IELCE instructors and staff.
- Enhance outreach and recruitment efforts for IELCE participants.
- Support innovative projects that align with IELCE objectives.

D. Allowable Expenditures:

The following categories of expenditure are allowable under this grant, provided they align with the goals of the IELCE Supplemental Support Funds and comply with 2 CFR 200 and ICCB policies:

- Purchase of instructional materials, such as textbooks, workbooks, or online learning platforms.
- Development or enhancement of Integrated Education and Training (IET) curriculum.
- Implementation of new civics education or career pathway courses.
- Purchase of technology to support program delivery (e.g., laptops, tablets, projectors).
- Software licenses or subscriptions for virtual instruction or learning management systems.
- Internet connectivity tools, including hotspots, for participants and program staff.

- Training or workshops for instructors and staff focused on enhancing instructional strategies, civics education, or career pathway integration.
- Fees for conferences or webinars related to adult education, workforce development, or English literacy and civics education.
- Development and delivery of in-house professional development sessions.
- Marketing and outreach materials to attract eligible participants, including digital ads, printed brochures, or community outreach campaigns.
- Translation services for program materials to ensure accessibility to non-English speakers.
- Costs associated with recruitment events (e.g., venue rental, materials, and refreshments).
- Childcare services to enable participant attendance in IELCE programs.
- Transportation assistance, such as bus passes or travel vouchers.
- Counseling or career navigation services to support transitions into employment or further education.
- Pilot or innovative projects that directly align with IELCE objectives, such as integrated technology skills or contextualized learning models.
- Enhanced data collection or reporting systems to improve program evaluation.
- Administrative costs, such as program coordination or indirect costs, up to the allowable percentage outlined in 34 CFR 463.25, 34 CFR 463.26 and ICCB policies.
- Grant management expenses, including compliance monitoring or reporting.

PROHIBITED EXPENDITURES

Funds **cannot** be used for the following:

- Supplanting existing funding streams or activities (per **34 CFR § 76.530**).
- Construction or renovation of facilities.
- General expenses are unrelated to the grant objectives, such as entertainment or promotional items without programmatic justification.

GRANT APPLICATION

Applicants must submit the following:

Uniform Grant Application

You will have to fill in the UGA and submit that with all the requested information.

Scope of Work

Scope of Work (1-page maximum): Outline proposed activities and their alignment with IELCE objectives. **Timeline of Activities:** Specify project milestones and deliverables within the funding period.

Uniform Budget

All applicants must submit a proposed budget on the State of Illinois Uniform Grant Budget Template (*template provided*). Applicants should submit budgets based upon the total estimated costs for the project. Costs should be in line with the allowable costs under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Grantees should ensure that they have the institutional capacity to fully execute this grant, and all funding is provided with it. Grants funds must be expended within the

allowable timeframes of the grant period. For information on allowable uses of funds and other administrative requirements: www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Pages/ResourceLibrary.aspx.

Risk Assessment Survey:

Applicants should re-submit assessment survey sent for the FY25 award unless significant changes at the organization have occurred that would result in different survey responses.

Grant recipients must comply with all applicable provisions of state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination, sexual harassment, and equal employment.

Each grant application package must be submitted no later than December 15th, 2024, at 5 pm CT to Mark Mesle, mark.mesle@illinois.gov. All questions must be submitted electronically to mark.mesle@illinois.gov.

GRANT PRE-QUALIFICATION

Interested institutions may apply for a grant but will not be eligible for a grant award unless the institution is pre-qualified through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal located at www.grants.illinois.gov.

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