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Media Alert

Four Million Dollars in Obesity Prevention Funding to be Awarded in Suburban Cook County

Cook County Department of Public Health Model Communities Request for Proposals to be released.

- WHAT:** The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), in partnership with the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago, will hold a press conference to announce the release of the Model Communities Request for Proposals that will award up to four million dollars in obesity prevention grant funding. Local governments, community organizations, and public and private schools and school districts are eligible to apply. The primary focus of the funding is to increase the accessibility of healthy foods, make unhealthy foods less available and create safe places to be physically active in suburban Cook County.
- WHY:** Obesity is the largest epidemic facing suburban Cook County. Obesity rates have doubled for adults and tripled for children over the past 20 years. Health consequences of obesity are linked with increased risk of diabetes, hypertension, cancer and heart disease and Suburban Cook County communities need change.
- WHO:** Dr. Stephen Martin, Chief Operating Officer from the Cook County Department of Public Health and other officials
- WHEN:** **Thursday, November 4, 2010, 10 a.m.**
- WHERE:** **Cicero Community Center**
2250 S. 49th Avenue
Cicero, IL

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