

Model Communities Mini-Grant Pilot Program

**Cook County
Department of Public Health**
Cook County Health and Hospitals System



The Suburban Cook County (SCC) Chronic Disease Prevention Network, led by the Cook County Department of Public Health, is pleased to announce the availability of \$20,000 in grant funding. Additional funds may become available in the future.

Four \$5,000 Model Communities grants will be awarded to local governments and community organizations interested in making policy and environmental changes to support individuals and families in their efforts to lead healthy, active lives. (Application Deadline: May 3, 2010. The Request for Applications will be available for download beginning April 1, 2010, at www.cookcountypublichealth.org).

Become a Model Community.

Model Communities may use the following types of strategies to improve school, work and community environments.

Nutrition Healthy options in vending machines and cafeterias, nutrition information on restaurant menus, community gardens, farmers' markets

Physical Activity Increased daily physical education in all grades K-12; more green space, playgrounds, parks and paths for safe walking, bicycling and jogging

Tobacco Smoke-free homes, schools, workplaces or parks

Learn more.

To learn more about this grant opportunity, please attend one of the following web conferences. Participation is required for applicants.

WHO Representatives of local governments (including recreation and urban planning), schools, businesses, health care, community- or faith-based organizations serving SCC. (See eligibility requirements below).

WHEN **Tuesday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. OR
Thursday, April 8 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

HOW E-mail Guddi Kapadia at guddi@uic.edu to register for preferred session date and time. Details for how to log on will follow registration confirmation.

For more information, please contact Gina Massuda Barnett via phone at 708-492-2901 or e-mail gmassud@cookcountygov.com.

Eligibility Requirements

Must serve communities in CCDPH jurisdiction, which includes 125 municipalities in suburban Cook County, excluding Chicago, Evanston, Oak Park, Skokie, and Stickney Township, which have independent state-certified local health departments.

SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION NETWORK

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