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Dollars with Data

How to use the 2010 U.S. Census to Leverage Funding

WHAT: Illinois ResourceNet: A Funding Access Initiative (IRN) is facilitating an all-day training session on how to make use of the 2010 U.S. Census to strengthen funding proposals by interpreting valuable and timely U.S. Census data.

WHY: How can a decennial head-count serve to allocate billions of dollars in federal funds and influence local planning? More than 435.7 billion dollars annually in federal grants and direct assistance is allocated to communities based on formulas which include Census data. The Census provides the tools to analyze a community's current landscape and depicts details to help support the funding of proposed programs.

WHERE: The training session will be held in the River Room at Shawnee Community College located in Ullin, Illinois.

WHEN: Monday, February 14th, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is required. Lunch, workshop materials, and refreshment break included. To register please call 618.634.9611 or email: registerme@csnowire.net with name and contact information. Please forward to any of your contacts that may find this to be of interest.

HOW: Illinois ResourceNet recognizes the value of the data produced by the U.S. Census and how when used to strengthen a funding proposal will offer nonprofits and local governments the credible numbers to leverage significant funding for local programs.

The United States Census can streamline funds to your specific community by helping organizations build strong proposals based on solid and timely information. The U.S. Census serves multiple purposes starting from providing updated societal information to appropriating specific dollars to newly outlined districts. How an organization guides available funds to their specific project should include as part of the methodology using the U.S. Census to inform and instruct the creation of a sustainable program.

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WHO: Illinois ResourceNet and Chambers & Associates is working with Steve Laue, Information Services Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau in Chicago's Regional Office, to assist data users in accessing data and interpreting Census data products.

Mr. Laue promotes Census programs, making presentations on Census-related topics and conducting workshops and seminars on data usage.

Lynne Chambers-Ketchens, Illinois ResourceNet (IRN) technical assistance advisor is facilitating the training session.

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Illinois ResourceNet: A Funding Access Initiative (IRN) is a university-based resource providing Illinois organizations a unique approach to grant access centered on providing information and resources on an interactive website, working with experienced technical assistants on designing high caliber proposals, and connecting with a diverse group of partners to meet proposed project goals. IRN strives to connect Illinois nonprofits and local units of government with the information and resources necessary to gain access to available federal funding opportunities.

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