

ECC Economic Development Assistance Program

The HSIAC grant, from HUD's **Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities** program, is funded by a grant award under the Division of Corporate & Continuing Education at Elgin Community College.

The HSIAC grant targets low to moderate income individuals who are unemployed or underemployed. As part of this grant, ECC will provide job training to low income individuals interested in non-credit courses.

Target Groups include:

- Very-low, low and moderate income individuals who are unemployed or underemployed pursuing skills in job readiness, employability skill development, job training and non-credit coursework and certifications. Incumbent workers who qualify as low to moderate income individuals
- Industry specific training (including green technologies/green jobs)
- On-line green training for participants interested in becoming LEED-certified
- Participants interested in taking the ACT WorkKeys Skills Assessments for obtaining the Career Readiness Certificate & Job profiling

Targeted Training Opportunities include:

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| Medical Coding | Medical Billing I and II | Ophthalmic Assistant |
| Veterinary Assistant | Dialysis Technician | Pharmacy Technician |
| Private Investigations | Green Technologies | Medical Administration Assistant |
| Leadership Training | OSHA in Spanish | Technical Job Training |

Training may also include Non-Credit coursework towards increasing employment opportunities, improving employment skills, ensuring job readiness, skill development and leadership training. Other opportunities may include training based on results from ACT WorkKeys Skills Assessments.

Participants must agree to actively seek employment at the conclusion of the training.

For additional information, contact David Butts, Program Director HSIAC Grant Project at (847) 214-7187.

HSIAC Grant Program Overview & Eligibility

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this document is to insure that all participants offered assistance through the ECC Economic Development Assistance Program (HSIAC grant project) meet or exceed the requirements outlined in Elgin Community College's Grant – Agreement HSIAC-09-IL-24.

Eligibility/Target Groups:

Low income communities with-in district 509 boundaries, unemployed & incumbent workers

- Very-low, low and moderate income individuals who are unemployed or underemployed with motivation and aptitude for pursuing skills in job readiness, employability skill development, job training and non-credit coursework and certifications. Willing to seek employment at the conclusion of the training
- Incumbent workers who qualify as low to moderate income individuals
- Industry specific training (including green technologies/green jobs)
- On-line green training for participants interested in becoming LEED-certified
- Participants interested in taking the ACT WorkKeys Skills Assessments for obtaining the Career Readiness Certificate & Job profiling

Targeted Training Opportunities

Community:

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| Medical Coding | Medical Billing I and II | Ophthalmic Assistant |
| Veterinary Assistant | Dialysis Technician | Medical Administration Assistant |
| Private Investigations | Pharmacy Technician | Green Technologies |

Additional training may include Non-Credit coursework towards increasing employment opportunities, improving employment skills, ensuring job readiness, skill development and leadership training. Other opportunities may include training based on results from ACT WorkKeys Skills Assessments.

Incumbent Workers:

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| Leadership Training | OSHA in Spanish | Technical Training |
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Eligibility Requirements for acceptance for the HSIAC grant activities:

- Verification of low to moderate income according to the Chicago Metropolitan Area guidelines
- Verification of eligibility to work in the United States
- Complete WorkKeys Skills Assessments (Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information and Locating Information) towards obtaining a Career Readiness Certificate
- Agree to actively seek employment at the conclusion of training
- Complete follow-up and evaluation documentation regarding participation in the grant training
- Participants must meet Elgin Community College's specific program requirements prior to taking the approved class

Application: Potential participants must be willing to:

- Complete and sign the *HSIAC grant intake* form
- Sign the *affidavit of income and verification of employment eligibility* form
- Sign the *Release of Information* form
- Sign the *Grant Participant Agreement* form
- Must agree to notify HSIAC program staff when accepting a new job or receiving an increase in wages

All forms must be accompanied by all requested documentation. Signature implies all information is correct. Documentation and validation of eligibility requirements will be filed as part of the participant's application packet.

Award Notification

All participants who qualify for the grant award will be issued a payment voucher and Grant Participant Agreement. Payment vouchers and grant funds will not be released until all paperwork is signed and returned to the HSIAC Program Director's office.

Award Recipients Obligations

The ECC Economic Development Assistance Program is funded by a grant award under the Corporate & Continuing Education Grants, as implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All participants are expected to meet their obligations under this grant by attending class, participating in ACT WorkKeys Skills Assessments and agreeing to search for employment within their chosen career.

Project Income Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, a project must satisfy one of two national objectives established by HUD. It must either benefit low- or moderate-income residents, or eliminate slum or blight conditions. Certain segments of the general population are presumed to be low- to moderate-income. Examples include elderly persons, disabled persons, homeless persons and abused spouses and children. Below are the current low- and moderate-income limits for Kane County, which is part of the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

Income Levels for the Chicago Metropolitan Area

(Effective: February 2008)
Median Family Income (MFI) = \$71,600

| Household Size | Median Family Income | Moderate Income (80% MFI) | Low Income (50% MFI) | Ext. Low Income (30% MFI) |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | \$52,800 | \$42,200 | \$26,400 | \$15,850 |
| 2 | \$60,300 | \$48,250 | \$30,150 | \$18,100 |
| 3 | \$67,900 | \$54,250 | \$33,950 | \$20,350 |
| 4 | \$75,400 | \$60,300 | \$37,700 | \$22,600 |
| 5 | \$81,400 | \$65,100 | \$40,700 | \$24,450 |
| 6 | \$87,500 | \$69,950 | \$43,750 | \$26,250 |
| 7 | \$93,500 | \$74,750 | \$46,750 | \$28,050 |
| 8 | \$99,500 | \$79,600 | \$49,750 | \$29,850 |