



The Partnership

The City of Chicago and Forefront’s *IL Count Me In 2020 program* have joined forces for Census outreach purposes. The City of Chicago has allotted \$500,000 in funding for community-based organizations to educate and engage their constituents on the upcoming 2020 Census. This unique partnership will help ensure that every Chicagoan is counted. Grant applications will be reviewed and vetted by representatives of the [IL Count Me In 2020 Funders' Collaborative](#).

The Opportunity

This budgeted amount is part of the total \$2.7 million investment by the City of Chicago for an effective and comprehensive Census outreach strategy. These vital funds will be focused on supporting communities that have not previously received funds from other funding opportunities. Applicant organizations with budgets of \$1 million or less will be given first preference. Historically undercounted communities (families of color, children under five-years-old, the elderly, veterans, returning residents, individuals with high rates of mobility and housing instability, residents with disabilities, those with limited access to the Internet, and those who may be afraid to participate) are encouraged to apply.

In particular, the following City communities had the lowest response rates in 2010, and organizations serving these communities are highly encouraged to apply:

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| West Garfield Park | Washington Park |
| North Lawndale | Lower West Side |
| New City | Englewood |
| East Garfield Park | Humboldt Park |
| South Lawndale | West Englewood |
| Fuller Park | South Chicago |

The Request for Proposal (RFP)



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Forefront will release an online RFP on **December 16, 2019** for eligible nonprofits to apply for potential funding. If an organization is not a 501 (C)(3), they will need a fiscal sponsor to apply. This RFP will be open until **January 15, 2020 at midnight**.

In addition, Forefront will host two free webinars for interested organizations to learn more about the process. The first webinar will be held **Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 10am** ([join the webinar here](#)) with a second webinar **on January 7, 2020**. Grant decisions will be committed by January 31, 2020, and funds will be disbursed by mid-February. These selected grantees, the **Chicago Count Me In 2020** group, will form the second cohort of the IL Count Me In 2020 program.

For additional information or questions regarding the RFP, please reach out to Forefront's Democracy Initiative team, Yoselyn Ovalle, yovalle@myforefront.org or Anita Banerji, abanerji@myforefront.org.

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