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## **Rep. Ford Encourages Local Nonprofits and Care Providers to Register for a Free Grantsmanship Training Workshop**

**SPRINGFIELD, IL** – To help organizations interested in obtaining grants through the Illinois Department of Human Services, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) is hosting a day-long grantsmanship training workshop on June 24, 2011. Because space is limited, those interested will have until June 13 to register, with 35 participants to be randomly selected in a lottery.

“At a time when available resources are shrinking and the need for human services is growing, organizations looking for grants to sustain or develop their assistance programs must put their best foot forward when applying for funding,” Ford said. “This intensive workshop will cover everything an interested organization will need to know to be competitive.”

On June 24, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Illinois Department of Human Services (Office of Grants Administration) will partner with Rep. Ford to host a grantsmanship training workshop. The workshop will cover both program development and grant writing, and use interactive activities and skill development exercises to give participants necessary hands-on practice.

Space is limited to 35 participants, and pre-registration by 3:00 p.m. on June 13 is required. After the pre-registration deadline, participants' names will be randomly drawn in a lottery, and Rep. Ford will personally notify those selected. To pre-register, email your name, phone number, address, name of agency (if applicable), and preferred email address to [repford@lashawnford.com](mailto:repford@lashawnford.com). Please make sure the email references the June 24<sup>th</sup> training workshop.

“As state representative, I’m focused on bringing help and resources to the district, especially programs that will allow people in the community to become better equipped to help their neighbors,” Ford said.

The workshop will be held at the Chicago Police Department, 15<sup>th</sup> District Community Room, located at 5701 Madison Avenue in Chicago. For more information, call Ford's constituent service office at (773) 378-5902.

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