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## **Ford Co-Hosting Public Meeting on Grant Opportunities Available to Help Prisoners Transition Back to the Community**

*Funding available through Congressman Danny K. Davis' Second Chance Act*

**CHICAGO** – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) is partnering with the Austin African American Business Network Association and the Illinois Department of Corrections to host an informational meeting on mentoring grants available for nonprofits to help the formerly incarcerated transition from prison back into the community and the work force.

“Congressman Davis’ Second Chance Act was a monumental step forward to work with our criminal justice system and community leader to rehabilitate ex-offenders and close the revolving door to prisons,” Ford said. “We’ve got a lot of hardworking, unfunded and underfunded nonprofits working to help prisoners return to productive life, and this meeting is very important because funds are now available and the deadline to apply is March 18, 2010. Thanks to Congressman Davis and the other members of Congress, grant options are currently available.”

For more information, call (773) 378-5902.

<b>What:</b>	Informational meeting on grant opportunities to assist the formerly incarcerated.
<b>Who:</b>	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Malcolm Crawford – Austin African American Business Network Assn. Illinois Department of Corrections
<b>When:</b>	Monday, March 8, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
<b>Where:</b>	AAABNA Office 5820 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL

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