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## **Ford to Help Nonprofits with Program Development and Grant Writing at Free Workshop**

**CHICAGO** – With grant opportunities for nonprofits dwindling and competition for scarce funds increasing, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) is offering guidance by co-hosting a Program Development and Grant Writing Workshop to help worthy organizations obtain funding to help the community.

“Due to the ongoing economic crisis, funds for grants to nonprofits are becoming even harder to get,” Ford said. “Because there are fewer opportunities, those who award these grants are looking for the best of the best, and this workshop will help nonprofits make sure they make a memorable pitch for this crucial funding.”

Participants in the workshop will review a nine-step process for program development and will receive training to develop a logical and systematic approach to proposal development and grant writing. A Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit can be awarded to eligible participants.

Pre-registration by March 31 and proof of nonprofit status is mandatory. For more information or to pre-register, call (773) 378-5902.

<b>What:</b>	Program Development and Grant Writing Workshop
<b>Who:</b>	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Malcolm Crawford, Executive Director, Austin African American Business Networking Association Illinois Department of Human Services
<b>When:</b>	Monday, April 5, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a break for lunch
<b>Where:</b>	Sankofa Cultural Arts and Business Center 5820 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60651