



VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS BUSINESS E-NEWS



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Last Chance to Apply for Manufacturing Grant through IMEC

The Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC) recently announced their 2025 "Made in Illinois Grant Program." This program can help small and mid-sized manufacturers by providing up to \$50,000 in matching funds for certain expenditures.



Qualifying businesses must be manufacturers with NAICS codes 31-33, employ between 5 and 250 employees, have operated in Illinois for at least three years, and recorded sales tax revenue in the last 12 months. Applications will be accepted April 15-30, 2025.

To learn more and apply, visit [the Made in Illinois webpage](#).

Upcoming Webinar: Financial Resources for Small Businesses

The State of Illinois Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment (OE3) advocates for equitable economic opportunities across the state for minorities, women, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, eligible not-for-profit corporations, and other underserved communities.



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OE3 also hosts monthly webinars that offer overviews of financial resources available to small businesses, such as grants, loans, and tax incentives. They will also have program experts present to help answer any questions you may have. Their next free webinar will held on May 7th from 10am-11am. Registration is free.

To sign up for this webinar, visit the [OE3's events page](#).

Harper College Offers Online Courses for Businesses

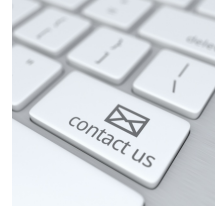
Harper College Business Solutions has tailor-made courses just for the small business community. Subjects include IT/computer technology, professional development, leadership skills, and industry-specific instruction. All classes are taught by industry professionals who have years of experience working in the community.

For more information, please visit [Harper College Business Solutions](#).



Contact The Village with Any Questions!

If you have any questions about programs or resources for Arlington Heights businesses, or need any additional assistance from the Village, please contact Michael Mertes, Business Development Manager, at 847-368-5220 or at mmertes@vah.com.



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