

Income-Qualified North (IQ-N) Subcommittee Update

IL SAG Equity Subcommittee Meeting
September 22, 2026

Agenda

- Background on LIEEAC's IQ-N Subcommittee
- 2025-2026 Low-Income Energy Efficiency Outreach and Education (LIEEOE) Grants
 - Awardees and Accomplishments
 - Sample Grant Projects
 - Other Grant Support
- IQ-N Subcommittee Relaunch
 - Current Membership
 - Further Recruitment

Background on IQ-N Subcommittee

- LIEEAC was established under the **Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA)**, signed into law on September 21, 2021, to
 - “Directly inform the design, implementation, and evaluation of the low-income and public-housing energy efficiency programs” and
 - “Emphasize opportunities to bundle and coordinate delivery of low-income energy efficiency with other programs that serve low-income communities.”
- IQ-N subcommittee focuses on communities within ComEd’s service territory.

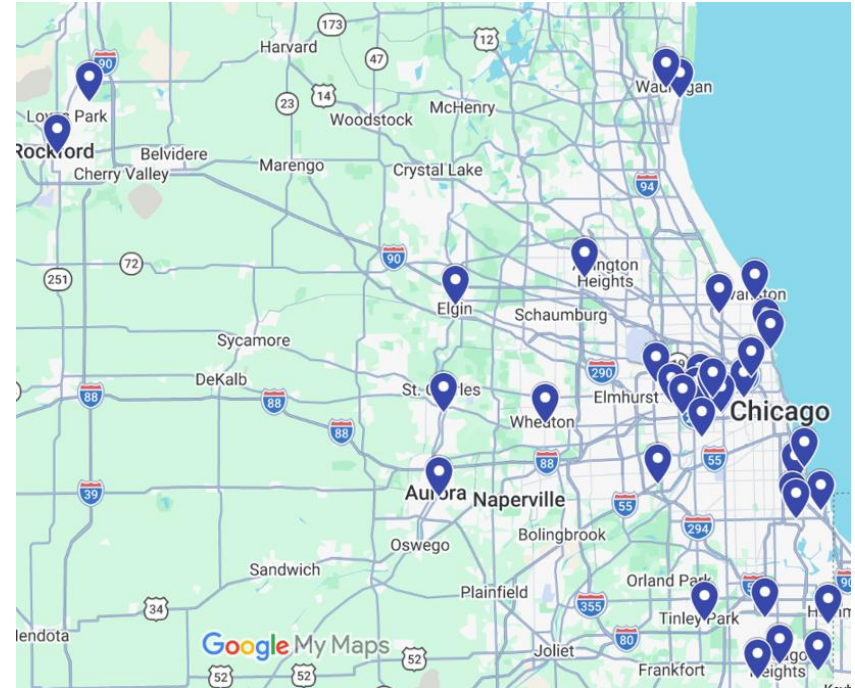
Background on IQ-N Subcommittee

Agreements were finalized in September 2025 between the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), ComEd, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC).

- MMC is the Facilitator of LIEEAC and is supported by ES Consulting and GreenLit Solutions as the Facilitation Support Team.
- IQ-N Leadership Team represents the committee members.
- ICC provides oversight for the committee.
- ComEd offers funds for the committee budget.

2025–2026 LIEEOE Grants

- 37 grant recipients in two rounds
- Support household energy efficiency education for low-income utility customers in ComEd's service territory
- Encourage participation in utility-supported energy efficiency programs/services



2025–2026 LIEEOE Grant Awardees

A.N.C.H.O.R. Chicago
African American Christian
Foundation
Age Options
Association House of Chicago
Blacks in Green (BIG)
Black Lives Matter Lake County
Chicago Muslims Green Team
Chicago Westside Branch of the
NAACP
Chinese Mutual Aid Association
City of Aurora
City of Berwyn
City of Elgin
City of Rolling Meadows

Community Action Partnership of Lake
County
Climate Action Evanston
Community Care Outreach
Faith in Place
Giving Others Dreams (G.O.D)
Imani Village
Kane County
Leyden Township
Lyons Township
Proactive Youth Connection Cafe
Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago
Respond Now
Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity

RR Trade School, Inc.
Rutues Center for Business and
People Development
South Suburban Land Bank and
Development Authority
South Suburban Mayors and
Managers Association
Sustain Rockford
Village of Lansing
Village of Maywood
Village of Park Forest
Village of Sauk Village
Village of Skokie
WeGo Together for Kids

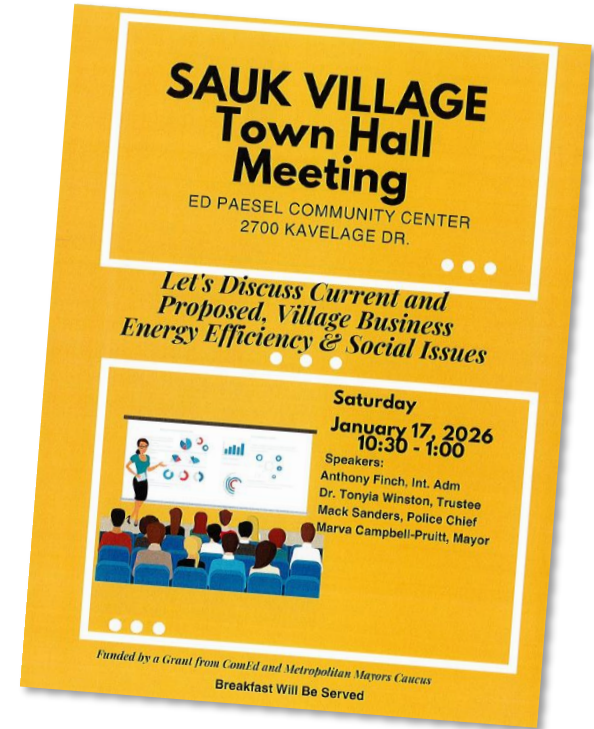
LIEEOE Grant Accomplishments To Date

- Events/Workshops/Presentations
Attended or Hosted: **111**
- People Reached: **28,668**
- EE Kits distributed: **832**
- Flyers/educational information
distributed: **40,274**
- Residents enrolled in EE programs:
2,139
- EE Ambassadors Trained: **30**



Sample Grant Project: Sauk Village

- Community workshops for low-income households
 - Information on energy efficient practices, ComEd programs
 - Demonstrations, Q&A, take-home resources
- Other educational outreach
 - Brochures, newsletters, social media, village website



Sample Grant Project: Village of Park Forest

- “Mobile Energy Help Desk” at village events
 - Information on utility rebates and free energy assessments
 - In-person assistance completing incentive applications
- Hands-on demonstration stations and take-home efficiency kits at libraries and events
 - Installing weatherstripping, faucet aerators, low-flow shower heads, smart power strips
 - Comparing LED vs incandescent light bulbs



Sample Grant Project: A.N.C.H.O.R. Chicago

- Old school bus retrofitted with energy demonstrations
 - Rooftop solar panels
 - Energy efficient appliances and products inside
- Driven to community events
 - Offers community gathering space and an interactive energy efficiency educational experience



Other Grant Support

- Supportive monthly cohort meetings
- Energy vampire boards and mascot
- [Energy efficiency incentives webpage](#)
- Utility program flyers
- Facilitation Support Team



IQ-N Subcommittee Relaunch

The Facilitation Support Team is assisting MMC in rebuilding and organizing the IQ-N Subcommittee.

Goal: To build a trusted, collaborative network where community members, advocates, utilities, and partners work together to:

- Improve energy affordability
- Increase access to energy efficiency
- Influence policies that serve low-income, BIPOC, and environmental justice communities

IQ-N Subcommittee Relaunch

Progress to Date:

- Established IQ-N Subcommittee membership, starting with the engagement of LIEEOE grantees, and still recruiting. Leadership team elections in November
- Monthly meetings in coordination with the LIEEOE cohort meetings
- Offering office hours and 1x1 support, for questions or feedback in smaller group setting
- Tracking input and encouraging a dialog with utilities to brainstorm solutions
- Incorporating learning opportunities in the monthly meetings to support education of the energy efficiency and clean energy ecosystem in Illinois

IQ-N Subcommittee Members

- Angelica Green, Proactive Youth Connection Cafe
- April Parker, Faith in Place
- Ava Johnson, Sustain Rockford
- Briana Moore*, Will County Land Use Department
- Carrie Malfeo, Village of Park Forest
- Celia Colon, Giving Others Dreams
- Deondre Rutues, Rutues Center for Business and People Development
- Ivonne Rychwa, Citizens Utility Board
- Layalee Bierat, Chicago Muslims Green Team
- Lisa Miranda, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago
- Marsha Belcher, Community Action Partnership of Lake County
- Molly Beck Dean, WeGo Together for Kids
- Rose Naseef, Lyons Township
- Sarra Hinshaw, Kane County

* IQ-N Subcommittee Leadership Team member

Your Voice is Needed: IQ-N Subcommittee

The IQ-N Subcommittee is seeking new participants to help:

- “Directly inform the design, implementation, and evaluation of the low-income and public-housing energy efficiency programs” and
- “Emphasize opportunities to bundle and coordinate delivery of low-income energy efficiency with other programs that serve low-income communities.”

Meetings starting in October!

Eligible participants may apply here: [Submittable Application.](#)

Thank You!

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