

Low-Income Energy Efficiency Outreach & Engagement (LIEEOE) Grant Cohort Meeting

OCTOBER 21, 2026

HOSTED BY:

- LOW-INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP TEAM
- METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ LIEEOE Program Updates
- ▶ Cohort Showcase
- ▶ ComEd's Market Development Initiative
- ▶ Income-Qualified North Subcommittee

Introduction

Briana Moore, Resource Recovery and Energy Division, Will
County Land Use Department and IQ-North Leadership
Team

LIEEOE Grant Program Updates

- ▶ Energy Vampire Demonstration Board Pick-up:
 - ▶ 27 boards still need to be picked up.
 - ▶ 815 N 16th Avenue, Melrose Park, IL 60160
 - ▶ Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am-3pm
 - ▶ New contact: Tayyab Mir, development@rrtradeschool.com
 - ▶ Energy Vampire Board Tutorial
- ▶ Budgets: Make sure you are on pace to spend your grant funds by December 31, 2026.
 - ▶ No extension
- ▶ Procurement Process: Caucus is in the process of bidding for the contract as facilitator for 2027-2032.

Highlights from Q3 Periodic Reports

- ▶ Events/Workshops/Presentations Attended or Hosted: **195**
- ▶ People Reached: **31,893**
- ▶ EE Kits distributed: **998**
- ▶ Flyers/educational information distributed: **11,502**
- ▶ Residents enrolled in/referred to EE programs: **553**
- ▶ EE Ambassadors Trained: **15**
- ▶ Partners Engaged: **86**



LIEEOE Cohort Showcase

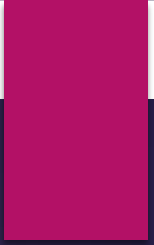
- ▶ **April Parker**, Energy & Climate Change Coordinator, Faith in Place

LIEEOE Cohort Showcase

- ▶ **Melissa Fernandez**, Social Media Manager, City of Berwyn

ComEd's Market Development Initiative

- ▶ **Jaimie Ricks**, Senior Workforce Development Specialist, ComEd
- ▶ **Misty Gibbons**, Senior Program Manager, Walker-Miller Energy Services



Income-Qualified North Subcommittee Meeting

IQ-N Subcommittee

Frank Pettis and **Elena Savona**, Facilitation
Support Team

IQ-N Subcommittee Leadership Team

- ▶ The North Regional Subcommittee Leadership (RSL or IQ-N Leadership Team) is a subset of the full LIEEAC North Subcommittee.
 - ▶ *It is composed of community-based organizations that are representative of BIPOC and environmental justice communities.*
- AND
- ▶ *It includes equitable representation from BIPOC communities.*

IQ-N Subcommittee Leadership Team

- ▶ Roles and Responsibilities per CEJA:
 - ▶ Same as the full Subcommittee
 - ▶ Convene targeted workgroups
 - ▶ Elect to work with an independent facilitator
- ▶ Roles and Responsibilities per Facilitation contract:
 - ▶ Attend 80% of LT meetings, Subcommittee meetings, and joint SAG meetings
 - ▶ Stipend Amount Review/Approval
 - ▶ Membership Application Approval
 - ▶ Education and Outreach Grantees and Grant Amounts Approval
 - ▶ IQ-N Website Content on IQ-N Communities Review/Approval

IQ-N Subcommittee Leadership Team – Elections Process

1. Collected interest in leadership role in initial meetings with IQ-N members
2. Solicited self-nominations.
3. Received 7 candidates for the role, representing geography, ethnicity, and organizational diversity.
4. Votes were cast by all Subcommittee members. Each member could vote for up to four candidates.
5. There was a tie for the last spot, warranting an upcoming additional election.
6. The three candidates with highest number of votes are presented today as the Proposed Leadership Team.

Proposed Leadership Team

CEJA requires the Leadership Team to have **equitable representation from BIPOC communities**. Equitable representation includes, but is not limited to, considerations of:

- ▶ Geographic diversity
- ▶ Representation from different racial and ethnic communities
- ▶ Representation of different demographic groups, including seniors, children, and people with disabilities
- ▶ Diversity of organization types identified in CEJA, including nonprofits, Community Action Agencies, local governments, community colleges, and public housing authorities
- ▶ **ACTION: LIEEAC North Subcommittee to VOTE to approve Proposed Leadership Team**

Briana Moore*
Will County



Dr. Deondre Rutues
Chicago West Side



Dr. Layalee Beirat
South Suburbs



Lisa Miranda
Chicago Metro Area



* Existing RSL member

Congratulations!



Introductions of the IQ-N Subcommittee

- ▶ Intro on dialogue with utilities and other stakeholders
 - ▶ Finding solutions through clear communication, patience, and persistence.
- ▶ IQ-North Subcommittee Introductions - Name, organization, challenges (pressure points), and opportunities in your communities

Questions & Feedback

Please email **Edith Makra**, emakra@mayorscaucus.org and/or **Tori Woolbright**, twoolbright@mayorscaucus.org with any questions regarding to the grant.

Please email **Frank Pettis**, frpettis@gmail.com, and/or **Elena Savona**, Elena.Savona@esconsultingllc.net, with any questions regarding the IQ-N Committee.

Next Cohort Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 9-10:30 a.m.