

Cook County Manufacturing Reinvented Program

Grant Application Questions

Step 1 - Basic Information

To be eligible, applicants must be a small or mid-sized manufacturer that resides in suburban Cook County, outside Chicago city limits.

Please email manufacturingreinvented@imec.org if you have a question about your eligibility.

- **First Name**
- **Last Name**
- **Title**
- **Email Address**
- **Phone Number**
- **Company Name**
- **Company Street Address**
- **Company City**
- **Company Postal Code**
- **Company Website**
- **Is your business 51% owned, operated and controlled by any of the following: Minority, Female, Veteran, Disabled?:**
 - Yes
 - No
- **If yes please select all that apply:**
 - 51% Minority Owned-Operated
 - 51% Female Owned-Operated
 - 51% Veteran Owned-Operated
 - 51% Disable Owned-Operated
- **Years in operation:**
 - 10+
 - 3-9
 - Less than 3
- **Number of Employees:**
 - Less than 20
 - 21-75
 - More than 75
- **2021 Annual Revenue:**
- **Revenue trends since 2020:**
 - Increasing
 - Flat
 - Declining

Step 2 - Urgent Priority Area

Select the most pressing priority for your organization out of the categories below:

- **Leadership:** Shape your company's future success by strategically planning and growing your business while guiding and coaching your future leaders.
- **Workforce:** Boost productivity and enhance engagement to develop a more resilient, motivated team.
- **Growth:** Implement sales and marketing tools to grow your business and capture new opportunities.
- **Operations:** Leverage continuous improvement measures and streamline production, maintenance, and administrative processes.

Step 2 (cont.) Urgent Priority Area - Project Selection ALL CATEGORIES

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 - Leadership: Talent Succession Planning and Coaching for Experienced Leaders
 - Leadership: Business Transition Planning
 - Leadership: Strategic Planning
 - Leadership: Leadership Daily Management and Dashboards
 - Growth: Lead Generation
 - Growth: Branding
 - Growth: Virtual Business Card
 - Growth: Managing Social Media
 - Growth: Search Engine Optimization
 - Growth: Selling Online
 - Operations: Total Productive Maintenance Training with kaizen
 - Operations: Lean Training with kaizen
 - Operations: TWI Job Methods
 - Operations: Internal Auditor Training (ISO 9001 or AS9100)
 - Operations: Automation Assessment and Training
 - Operations: Safety assessment and training
 - Operations: Supply Chain Management Assessment with Kaizen
 - Operations: Cybersecurity Assessment and Gap Analysis
 - Workforce: Talent acquisition and retention
 - Workforce: Employee engagement survey and action planning
 - Workforce: Career Pathways
 - Workforce: Leadership Skills Training

Step 3 - Circumstances from Covid-19

- **What are your company's current challenge(s) that this project will address(between 1-3 sentences)?**
- **How has the pandemic effected this challenge? (1-3 sentences)**
- **What is the business impact of this challenge? (1-3 sentences)**
- **Why is conquering this challenge important for the ongoing success of your business? (1-3 sentences)**

Step 4 - Anticipated Program Outcomes

List the following estimated outcomes for participating in this program.

- **Estimated number of jobs created that will result from this project. (Percent of current employment size)**
 - Greater than 25%
 - 10%-24%
 - Less than 10%
- **Estimated number of jobs retained will result from this project. (Percent of current employment size)**
 - Greater than 75%
 - 25%-74%
 - Less than 25%
- **Estimated new sales that will result from this project. (Percentage of increase of current sales)**
 - Greater than 20%
 - 10%-19%
 - Less than 10%

Step 4 (cont.) - Anticipated Program Outcomes

- **Estimated retained sales that will result from this project. (Percentage of current sales)**
 - Greater than 75%
 - 25%-74%
 - Less than 25%
- **Will this project result cost savings (waste reduction/equipment repair/efficiency gains/etc.)**
 - Yes
 - If Yes estimated amount of cost savings from answer above:
 - No

Step 5 - Company Investments

- **What is your BEST ESTIMATE for total dollars of potential investments?**
 - This amount should include future estimates for:
 - Total Employee Wages
 - Operation and Capital Investments (Plant Equipment)
 - Training Time Cost and/or Cost of Training
 - New Products or Processes
 - Information Systems or Software
 - Other Investments Not Identified Above

Step 6 - Verify Sign & Submit

If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact manufacturingreinvented@imec.org.

- **I attest to the best of my knowledge, that:**
 - the company is a small to mid-sized manufacturing entity (defined as less than 500 employees)
 - facility located in suburban Cook County outside the city limits of Chicago
 - Project will be paid in full by the manufacturer and reimbursed by the Cook County Manufacturing Reinvented Grant after completion and proper documentation
 - the selected project addresses critical priorities that occurred related to the pandemic
 - all information provided herein is accurate.
- **I also understand, if awarded funding that there will be a post-project evaluation and project reporting and your company and project may be highlighted in a press release or other marketing platforms by IMEC.**
 - Company proprietary or trade secret information will not be disclosed.
- **I Certify the Above Conditions.**
- **Electronic Signature:**
 - By typing your name below, you are signing this application electronically and confirming the above certification
 - Full Name (Electronic Signature)
 - Date Completed