

## #815COUNTS - ILLINOIS CENSUS OFFICE AGREES!



As a regional planning commission, Region 1 Planning Council coordinates multi-jurisdictional and long-term projects and planning. As such, the Council formed the Regional Complete Count Committee in June 2019. The Committee is facilitating efforts between the Illinois Complete Count Commission, U.S. Census Bureau, and local Complete Count Committees in Boone, DeKalb, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties.

By coordinating ideas and events, resource-sharing, and jointly combating misinformation, the Committee looks to maximize Census participation and prevent an undercount within the region. As part of the Committee's mission to streamline efforts and leverage resources to more efficiently promote a complete and accurate count for the 2020 Decennial Census, Region 1 Planning Council was identified to apply for regional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services for 2020 Census outreach.

Today, Illinois Department of Human Services named Region 1 Planning Council as the Northern Region Regional Intermediary for the Illinois Census Office's 2020 Census Grant Program. As a result, the Council will receive \$920,000 in funding to reinvest in Northern Illinois to encourage a complete and accurate 2020 Census count. Much of the funding will be redistributed to sub-awardees to assist with 2020 Census outreach efforts.

The census is used to determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are assigned to support local programs and services, how many congressional representatives exist for the state and the drawing of congressional districts, and to inform business decisions that affect the state and local economy. Each person counted by the census represents the potential gain or loss of approximately \$1,535 of federal funding for the community.

### **SUB-AWARDS**

Region 1 Planning Council is now accepting sub-recipient applications to assist in hard-to-reach population 2020 Census outreach. Eligible sub-recipient applicants for this program should submit the completed sub-recipient applications to the contact below by 9 am, Wednesday, October 23, to be considered for sub-recipient award. Applications are available at <http://r1planning.org/about-rccc>.

***Submission of a sub-recipient application does not guarantee approval or the award of funds. Sub-recipient eligibility requirements must be met in full by all awarded sub-recipient organizations. Applicants will be notified of application status by October 30, 2019. Region 1 Planning Council is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in the awarding of funding.***