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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How does the reimbursement work?

Once contract, project, and post-project evaluation is complete – documentation will be submitted to Cook County, and they will reimburse your company directly.

2. What if my corporate headquarters is not in Cook County but my factory is. Can I still apply?

Yes, manufacturing establishments with less than 500 employees in Cook County are eligible.

3. What if I am not sure which program is right for me?

IMEC can help guide you and answer any questions. Please email: manufacturingreinvented@imec.org.

4. How do I apply for the program?

There is link on the IMEC website (www.ccmfg.org). Just click and fill out the simple application.

5. What if there is a service I want that is not on the list?

The curated list is for this grant program. If there is another service you are interested in, contact your IMEC Regional Manager to discuss how we can help you.

6. What if I want to cancel the project before completion. Do I have to pay?

Payment will be required for portions of work performed. Because the project would not be completed, it may not be eligible for reimbursement.

7. What is the criteria for approval?

Cook County uses a scoring matrix to ensure consistency. The criteria includes topics such as size / location, pandemic effect, and potential impact.

8. How does the qualification process work?

The scoring matrix ensures consistency. Cook County Bureau of Economic Development makes the final determination as to who will receive a grant.

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10. Can we “adjust” the project scope for our needs?

The project scope and deliverables are set. The curated list is set for this grant program.

11. Can we apply this grant to a project that we are already doing with IMEC?

No. Projects already approved outside of this grant program cannot be included for reimbursement. If there are projects underway, a successful grant application may be able to work in parallel.

12. What are the deliverables I’m getting from the grant program? What benefit should I expect?

Each project has a specific set of deliverables and goals to improve your sales growth, reduce your operational costs, or invest in your workforce. Please read the project descriptions on the website, or reach out to manufacturingreinvented@imec.org with your questions.

13. What is the process for determining which program is best for us?

You should choose a program that will help solve a business challenge you are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

14. How much time do we need to devote to this project? What does our role look like?

The amount of time the client devotes is dependent upon which solution you choose. The proposal defines this for you.

15. Can we add additional services (and we pay for it) to the grant project we select?

There can be no additions to the grant awarded project. Additional project work would be quoted and fulfilled through a separate agreement and project.

16. More Questions?

Please send additional questions to manufacturingreinvented@imec.org