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Accounting Aid Society has been awarded a grant from the AARP Foundation to explore new pathways to engage underserved senior populations with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Increased eligibility of EITC has been shown to reduce income inequality and receiving the EITC has been linked to improved health outcomes.

The EITC has expanded criteria for 2021 that may benefit area families:

- There is **no** age cap for 2021;
- You are **not** required to have dependent children;
- Childless workers from age 19 to 24 (who are not half-time or full-time students) and claimed as dependents on their parents' tax return **are** eligible
- Qualifying children must be biological or adopted children, grandchildren, younger siblings, and nieces and nephews who live with you at least half of the year and be under age 19, be under 24 and a full time student, or be permanently disabled

Accounting Aid Society has partnered with Wayne State University's Hub for Evaluation and Learning (HEAL) Detroit to learn about the barriers and facilitators to individuals filing their taxes and gaining access to tax benefits, such as the expanded EITC credit. We ask that your organization consider participating in our survey and utilizing our available toolkit (in Arabic, English and Spanish) to inform your clients about the benefits of the expanded EITC eligibility and benefits, as well as invite them to tell us more about what may be preventing their friends or family from filing their taxes.

To learn more about the project and access toolkits (with introductory email, infosheets and social media campaigns), access our [EITC Project Page](#).

We invite your organization to [participate in our survey](#) and to share it widely with others, particularly individuals aged 55+ who might benefit from the 2021 expanded EITC tax credit, and other organizations like yours who serve this population. For survey questions, please contact Dr. Tricia Miranda-Hartsuff at triciamh@wayne.edu.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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