



Building Healthy and Prosperous Neighborhoods in Cook County

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Flexible Housing Pool

An innovative source of public-private investments to offer supportive housing to people most at need.

- **Geography:** County Wide
- **Health Partners:** Cook County Health, UI Health, Chicago Department of Family & Support Services, Chicago Department of Public Health, Housing Authority of Cook County, Illinois Public Health Institute
- **Social Determinants of Health addressed:** Housing with services

The Flexible Housing Pool (FHP) is an innovative public-private partnership. The City of Chicago and Cook County Health are working with community partners, including Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to use supportive housing as a health intervention for the most vulnerable community members who frequently utilize crisis systems. With a combined \$1.8 million committed by the City of Chicago, the pool is modeled after the successful Flexible Rental Subsidy Pool in Los Angeles that combines both housing/rental subsidy and intensive case management to house residents who are experiencing homelessness. The Chicago and Cook County FHP is actively building a larger coalition with new partners from the private sector, philanthropy, banks, and healthcare. This multi-stakeholder fund grew out of the Chicago and Cook County Housing for Health (H2) Strategic Plan and is focused on meeting the housing needs of our community members with the highest and most complex needs. Coordination of data across the Chicago Continuum of Care and Cook County Health, with plans to link to other health systems, will allow the FHP to pinpoint individuals who are most at risk of using high-cost emergency services and offer assistance. The FHP includes a cross sector governance with guidance from a Lived Experience Advisory Committee made up of individuals with lived experience of homelessness and frequent use of crisis systems.

The Focal Point Community Campus

Hospital with rich history of community engagement creates its own corporation to invest even more into the local neighborhood

- **Geography:** Archer Heights, Austin, Back of the Yards, Brighton Park, East Garfield Park, Gage Park, Little Village, McKinley Park, North Lawndale, Pilsen and West Garfield Park.
- **Health partner:** Saint Anthony Hospital
- **Project cost:** Total project cost is \$500 million



Saint Anthony Hospital created Chicago Southwest Development Corporation (CSDC) to improve social determinants of health in the neighborhoods that surround the hospital on the West and Southwest Sides of Chicago. Saint Anthony Hospital has a long history of engagement with the community through its Community Wellness Program, which serves individuals and families who suffer the impacts of poverty, trauma, violence, discrimination, language barriers and limited health access. CSDC has partnered with residents and over 100 community groups during the process to ensure that the project will address the needs of the community. CSDC is developing the 32-acre Focal Point Community Campus project, which will house a state-of-the-future Saint Anthony Hospital, as well as offer a range of retail, wellness, education, recreation elements and affordable housing. The development has already overcome notable hurdles, for example, dealing with a challenging land owner to acquire a critical component of the site, as well as proving feasibility of an ambitious project to elected officials, potential investors, and philanthropists. Once completed, the profits from its tenants will subsidize programs for nonprofits and other community organizations.

Proviso Partners for Health (PP4H)

A community-driven, multi-sector coalition promoting social determinants of health.



- **Geography:** Communities of Maywood, Bellwood, Broadview, and Melrose Park
- **Health Partners:** Trinity Health has provided a 5-year seed grant. Loyola University Health System and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine are collective impact partners.
- **Social Determinants of Health addressed:** Economic mobility, quality jobs, food systems, and access to healthcare.

Proviso Partners for Health (PP4H) is a community-driven, multi-sector coalition promoting community health, health equity, and transformational systems change in the Proviso communities of Maywood, Bellwood, Broadview, and Melrose Park. Growing out of conversations from local residents, and employing a participatory “hub” model focused on policy, systems and environmental change, PP4H is building capacity to address racial, health, and economic inequities. What makes this project unique is the collective impact modeled partnership of Loyola University Health System and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. PP4H is funded through a five-year seed grant from Trinity Health and is focused on creating a sustainable path for the organization to continue its neighborhood work. The Economic Justice and Community Leadership Academy Hub within PP4H grew out of a recognition that the youth they were engaging within the community lacked opportunities in their neighborhoods to generate income. By promoting and incubating social enterprises and worker-owned cooperatives that are emerging from within each community, PP4H is expanding the horizon of opportunity for people with entrepreneurial visions. In addition, PP4H supports and strengthens the local food system through urban gardening, farm stands, and Veggie Rx, a no-cost fresh produce distribution program serving local families in partnership with Loyola health clinics.

West Side United (WSU)

Health systems coming together to build community health and economic wellness on Chicago's West Side

WEST SIDE UNITED: Building Blocks
to Better Health

- **Geography:** Austin, West Garfield Park, East Garfield Park, Humboldt Park, West Town, Near West Side, Lower West Side, North Lawndale, South Lawndale, and Belmont Cragin
- **Health Partners:** Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago*, Cook County Health, Amita-Presence Health, Rush University Medical Center*, Sinai Health Systems, UI Health (*hospitals participating in investment activities)
- **Investment:** \$2.5 million in financing with CDFIs to address social determinants ranging from housing to youth services, and \$100,000 in small business grants

West Side United (WSU) is a place-based collaborative of hospitals that is pooling and deploying assets through community-based organizations (CBOs) and CDFIs to improve health and wellbeing. WSU's mission is to build community health and economic wellness on Chicago's West Side and build healthy, vibrant neighborhoods. Partners include healthcare providers, education providers, CBOs, the faith community, business, government, and residents working together to coordinate investments and share outcomes. The Collaborative emerged from a foundation set by the Alliance for Health Equity and a community health needs assessment led by Rush University Medical Center and other health systems that identified the social determinants of health as a priority. Now WSU is partnering with local CDFIs - including the Chicago Community Loan Fund and IFF - to invest \$2.5 million in west side initiatives ranging from housing to youth services. WSU consistently seeks community input through a community led Planning Committee. In addition to its CDFI investments, WSU is in the process of developing a Small Business Grant Pool with Accion Chicago, which will disperse small grants of \$1,000 to 15,000 to support local businesses and provide technical assistance.