

Building Healthy Communities Initiative: COVID-19 Response, Recovery, and Resiliency Program

The Building Healthy Communities Initiative (BHC) aims to strengthen the capacity and collaboration of local organizations to advance community solutions for racial and health equity. The BHC COVID-19 Response, Recovery, and Resiliency Initiative is critical to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19, lessen the pandemic’s health, social, and economic impacts, and address COVID-19 health disparities.

BHC in Suburban Cook County

Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) awarded 39 community-based organizations (CBOs) serving suburban Cook County with funding as part of the BHC Initiative.

Organization	Total Funding Amount	BHC Strategies – CCDPH – Suburban Cook County									CCDPH District(s) CBO will Serve			
		COVID Progs & Svcs	IL Pathways for Hlth	Community Action for Worker Safety	Org. Health Literacy	Community Hlth Workers	Mental Health	Food Security	Positive Youth Dev't	Organizational Sustainability	N	W	SW	S
Access Community Health Network	\$200,000					x							x	x
Access to Care	\$348,743	x			x		x				x	x	x	x
Adults Active in Youth Development, Inc.	\$203,966								x				x	x
Alivio Medical Center	\$200,000					x						x	x	x
Barbara W. Smith Family Life Center	\$203,844								x				x	x
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	\$268,393						x	x				x		
Center of Concern	\$139,324	x									x	x		
Cousins Empowered Optimists	\$150,000								x				x	x
Family Christian Health Center	\$299,999	x				x							x	x
First Baptist Church of Melrose Park	\$177,335	x					x					x	x	x
In His Hands Resource Centers, Inc.	\$150,000								x				x	x
Latino Alzheimer’s and Memory Disorders Alliance	\$199,229					x					x	x	x	
Live4Lali	\$200,000						x			x				
Mobile C.A.R.E. Foundation	\$275,000					x							x	x
National Kidney Foundation of Illinois	\$147,675		x			x							x	



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Northwest Compass, Inc	\$300,000							X	X		X	X		
Oak-Leyden Developmental Services	\$102,747				X					X		X		
P.A.S.O. - West Suburban Action Project	\$335,329	X				X						X		
Partners for Our Communities	\$106,251							X			X			
Pathlights	\$112,145						X					X	X	
Pillars Community Health	\$199,980					X						X	X	
Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago	\$132,969								X			X	X	
Quinn Center of St. Eulalia	\$298,644						X		X			X		
Real Foods Collective	\$209,857							X				X		
Respond Now, Inc.	\$150,000							X						X
Rincon Family Services	\$130,000						X					X		
Seasons Community Outreach Services, NFP	\$93,869	X											X	X
SGA Youth & Family Services	\$349,752						X	X	X			X	X	
Shoot Your Best Shot	\$150,000								X					X
Sibling Leadership Network	\$50,263	X										X	X	
Sisters Working It Out	\$285,371	X	X			X		X				X	X	X
Stonebridge Healthy Community Outreach Initiative	\$50,000									X			X	X
TCA Health, Inc., NFP	\$483,000	X			X	X							X	X
Thinking Beyond	\$147,480	X			X						X		X	
Top Box Foods	\$150,000							X			X	X	X	X
Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center	\$56,503						X				X	X	X	X
Warehouse Workers for Justice	\$51,159			X								X	X	X
Y. E. M. B. A., Incorporated	\$50,985								X			X		
Youth Crossroads, Inc.	\$261,241						X	X	X			X	X	

<https://cookcountypublichealth.org/building-healthy-communities/>

BHC in the City of Chicago

Cook County Health awarded 13 CBOs serving the City of Chicago with funding as part of the BHC initiative.

Organization	Total funding amount	BHC Strategies – CCH – City of Chicago			Area of the City CBO will Serve		
		Mental Health	Food Security	Positive Youth Dev't	North Side of Chicago	South Side of Chicago	West Side of Chicago
Alianza Americas	\$70,000		x				x
Arthur Lockhart Resource Institute	\$100,000		x				x
AHS Family Health Center	\$75,000	x			x		
Asian Health Coalition	\$100,000			x		x	
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	\$50,000			x		x	
Center on Halsted	\$100,000			x		x	
Chicago Lawndale	\$100,000			x		X	
Dion's Chicago Dream	\$60,000		x			x	x
Healthcare Alternative Systems, Inc.	\$70,000	x					x
Haymarket Center	\$50,000	x				x	x
Sisters Working it Out	\$75,000		x			x	x
World Relief Chicago	\$55,000	x					x
YMCA Metropolitan Chicago	\$95,000			x		x	x

BHC STRATEGIES

COVID-19 Programs & Services: Organizations will support COVID-19-related outreach, education, and promotion as well as provide coordination of COVID-19 vaccine and testing events, resource coordination to support quarantine and isolation and work to lessen the health, social and economic impacts of the pandemic.

IL Pathways for Health: Organizations will deliver at least two evidence-based health promotion program workshop series focused on chronic disease management to older adults of color.

Community Action for Worker Safety (CAWS): The organization will improve working conditions and worker health and safety through coalition building and outreach and education.

Health Equity in All Policies (HEiAP): Municipal teams will engage in a learning collaborative and technical assistance that will support them in advancing a HEiAP approach. No municipality was funded.

Organizational Health Literacy: Organizations will provide support for the participation of trainings and workshops related to health literacy; execution of an organizational health literacy assessment; advancement of policies and practices aligned with attributes of a health literate organization; and engagement in a learning community.

Community Health Workers (CHWs): Organizations will hire new, sustain, or expand Community Health Workers (CHWs) programs, ensure they are trained, and deploy them to support COVID response and build resilient communities. CHW supervisors and organizational leadership will further have the opportunity to participate in training and learn from their peers to maximize impact and sustain the CHW model.

Innovative Strategies: Organizations will implement an effective program or initiative that prevents and controls the spread of COVID-19 or lessens the health, economic and social impacts of the pandemic and does not fit within the other Menu of Options. No organization was funded.

Mental Health: Organizations will maintain or expand existing programs and services that promote mental health. This may include mental health education and peer support groups, skills and training development, community-based treatment, resource coordinator and system navigation, evidence-based interventions, and outreach and education that minimizes stigma and increases access to care.

Food Security: Organizations will maintain or expand existing programs and services that build program awareness of federal nutrition (e.g., SNAP, WIC, etc.) or other local programs, help people navigate these food programs, connect communities with food retail and nutrition programs, and improve availability of healthy foods.

Positive Youth Development: Organizations will maintain or expand an existing program or service that promotes positive youth development. This may include mentoring, youth leadership, youth entrepreneurship, and job training programs, internships, and service opportunities, as well as other programs that prevent abuse, violence, and risky sexual behaviors or promote social and emotional well-being.

Organizational Sustainability: Organizations will participate in a Community of Practice with other participating community-based organizations (CBOs) and engage with technical assistance opportunities designed to support CBOs in scaling up and spreading their work that advances racial equity and well-being.