



Appendix C

Partner Organizations



Project Partners

The project features several City of Chicago departments and 13 Community Based Organizations with support and training from additional partners.

Community-Based Organizations

OAI Inc. provides skills training that leads to safe, meaningful employment while helping companies and communities to thrive. We're national leaders in workforce development and health and safety training. We collaborate with community organizations, worker groups, and employers in more than 20 states in a range of sectors. Our regional development initiative in Chicago's south suburbs includes an independent social enterprise—High Bridge L3C—as well as a community maker lab.

OAI, Inc. will be participating both as a participant with the CBO capacity-building training and as the creator and implementer of the workforce training program.

Access Living ignites disability power and pride, provide critical services, and break down systemic barriers to create a stronger, more inclusive society. We challenge stereotypes, protect civil rights, and champion social reforms. They are located in Chicago and have a long history of doing what it takes to make sure people with disabilities can live the lives they choose.

Austin Coming Together (ACT) is dedicated to providing backbone support for a 50+ network of non-profit, faith-based, public and private entities with the shared mission of increasing collective impact to improve the quality of life in the Austin community of Chicago.

Coalition For A Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC) unites the resources of member organizations and individual members to empower Chinese American communities in Greater Chicago. As a coalition of member organizations and individuals, CBCAC carries out its mission through civic education, issue advocacy, communication with policy makers, and community mobilization.

The Emerald South Economic Development Collaborative generates community wealth and amplifies local culture through shared pride, power, and investment for Chicago's mid South Side. Our mission is to attract and coordinate investment through community convening and collaborative partnerships that increase local ownership and prosperity.

Endeleo Institute is a 501c(3) organization founded in 2011 by Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) in the Washington Heights community of Chicago, IL. Endeleo is a public charity that fuses three former TUCC entities, Health, Education, and Community Development, into an umbrella organization.

- **Endeleo Health**, through partnerships with the American Heart Association, Northwestern Hospital, and the University of Illinois at Chicago hospital, provides health



education and resources on such topics as heart and kidney health and Alzheimer's and Dementia.

- **Endeleo Education** provides students in grades 9-12 with educational services such as workshops, tutoring, scholarships information, FAFSA application assistance college tours (canceled due to the pandemic), and more to enhance their high school education and prepare them for college and beyond.
- **Endeleo Community Development** utilizes Community Engaged Research (CEnR) to revitalize the 95th Street Corridor in Washington Heights with new businesses, employment opportunities, healthy food options, and educational resources available to the community through funding and partnerships with numerous organizations throughout the city.

Far South Community Development Corporation (Far South CDC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides strategic community-building services to residents and businesses in Chicago's Far South Side neighborhoods and across south suburban Cook County. Far South CDC is one of the largest comprehensive community development organizations in the Chicago region that provides direct residential support, business assistance, and equitable development and planning services. The organization is a voice and advocate for economic, environmental, and social justice for the region.

Foundation For Homan Square serves as an umbrella organization over a tapestry of community resources in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood. With K-12 educational facilities, an active and robust community center, and a literal tower of nonprofit amenities — as well as hundreds of units of nearby affordable housing, our community is thriving and ready for the next stage of development.

In close collaboration with community members — and with leadership from our Community Advisory Council and Homan Square Leadership Council — we have developed several key goals:

- Explore opportunities for development within an expanded Homan Square footprint;
- Develop quality housing across the spectrum of affordability;
- Develop mixed-use and commercial projects that provide space for community programming and local businesses;
- Inspire potential investment in specific projects within the larger Plan.

The Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GAGDC) works to foster and promote revitalization of the low-to-moderate income communities that we serve using comprehensive community development strategies. Since 2001, the GAGDC has worked in all, or parts of, Ashburn, Auburn Gresham, Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing, Washington Heights, West Englewood, and West Chatham. GAGDC receives support from many sources and contributors including the State of Illinois, Cook County, Local Initiatives Support Corporation of Chicago (LISC/Chicago), the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago (UWMC), the MacArthur Foundation, the City of Chicago's Department of Planning & Development, and local private and financial institutions. We also partner with institutions like University of Chicago, Illinois State University, and University of Illinois at Chicago on several funded and collaborative projects.

Greater Southwest Development Corporation is a diverse community of passionate



advocates, activists, and social champions. We work in service of a multicultural, prosperous, and economically vibrant Southwest Chicago, rooted in social justice and racial equity. Together, we build generational, inclusive and sustainable wealth on Chicago's Southwest Side.

Jitney EV advocates for and evangelizes about accelerating the pace of Electric Vehicle adoption. Our mission is to grow EV Transportation and Charging Infrastructure in communities most impacted by environmental pollution. Electrification of transportation is the shortest path to a clean air, clean energy future.

Neighbors for Environmental Justice's purpose is to educate, advocate and organize with our community to accomplish environmental justice on the southwest side of Chicago. We believe environmental justice cannot be separated from racial justice, and so we align and advocate to support the larger struggle for justice in all the forms it takes.

Northwest Center - Founded in 2003, the Northwest Center exists to improve the economic well-being and quality of life in Belmont Cragin and the surrounding communities. By identifying and responding to the needs of our community, we offer housing counseling, financial literacy programs, organizing & activism, and neighborhood- specific initiatives.

Additional Participating Organizations

Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization. CNT's mission is to deliver innovative analysis and solutions that support community-based organizations and local governments to create neighborhoods that are equitable, sustainable, and resilient. CNT acts as the convener and facilitator of the Transportation Equity Network.

The Transportation Equity Network (TEN) is a coalition of community groups, equitable transportation advocates, civic organizations, and other stakeholders in Chicago who work with decision-makers to embed racial equity and mobility justice into transportation via community-driven decisions and investments. This coalition was the inspiration for the STELLAR program, which seeks to build CBO capacity to be meaningfully engaged in transportation electrification and decarbonization efforts. TEN was formed in 2020, and since then, has successfully participated in numerous public sector planning efforts led by the City of Chicago, Cook County, Chicago Transit Authority, Regional Transit Authority, and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, giving this coalition the unique ability to bring a CBO perspective to transportation initiatives.

Illinois Alliance for Clean Transportation (IACT), formerly Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition, has consistently been a top performing U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities coalition since its designation in 1994 by supporting stakeholders initially in the six-county Chicago area and now throughout Illinois to cumulatively reduce CO₂e emissions by 83,000 tons per year. CACC's members are businesses, fuel providers, vehicle fleets, state and local government agencies, not-for profit organizations, and individuals. These stakeholders work



together on a shared vision for healthy, sustainable communities in Illinois by sharing information and resources, educating the public, helping craft public policy, and collaborating on projects that reduce petroleum use in the transportation sector.

Forth's mission is to electrify transportation by bringing people together to create solutions that reduce pollution and barriers to access. Recent projects include the Towards Equitable Electric Mobility Community of Practice and the Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Analysis for the Oregon Department of Transportation.