Strong Communities

Supporting More than
Bricks and Mortar

The Strong Communities program strategy reflects Saint Luke's Foundation's core commitment to engage residents and organizations in planning and actions that build stronger, more vibrant neighborhoods of choice. We value collaborative efforts that bring a sense of community back to neighborhoods and positively impact their well-being.

Our strategy addresses the social determinants that impact places where people live, learn, work, play and age, including neighborhood conditions; quality, affordable food access; and land use.

We focus on partnering with residents, community-based organizations and public/private partners to improve physical environments and social conditions, and to support policies and plans that promote healthy community design.

For our Strong Communities program strategy, we seek to partner with grantee organizations that:

- Ensure resident contribution to community-driven policy agendas

- Increase collaboration across community-based organizations, residents and public/private partners

- Support community-based collaborative efforts to improve physical environments and social conditions within targeted communities

- Identify, engage and increase the capacity of key stakeholders, including residents, community-based organizations and policymakers

- Advance the use of health impact assessments as a means to support sound policy and planning across multiple sectors for healthier community design

- Create policies that ensure equitable resource distribution in neighborhoods

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Strong Communities Program Strategy

We catalyze and sustain opportunities to improve social conditions, improve physical environments and promote healthy community design in targeted neighborhoods.

Inputs

Foundation Board and Staff	Foundation Grantees	Community	Partner Local and National Foundations	Public and Private Sector Partners	National Service and Advocacy Organizations

Strategies

Improve Social Conditions

Short-Term Outcomes

Residents and neighborhood organizations:

- Ensure resident contribution to community-driven policy agendas
- Believe change can happen
- Articulate shared values around lifestyle, cultural and social conditions

Long-Term Outcomes

Residents and neighborhood organizations:

- Contribute to community-driven policy agendas
- Collaborate with community-based organizations and public/private partners to improve social conditions
- Support a clearly defined plan to improve social conditions

Residents and neighborhood organizations proactively unite and contribute to improved social conditions

Improve Physical Environments

Short-Term Outcomes

Residents and neighborhood organizations:

- Establish better, more frequent engagement with each other
- Dialog about where and how to improve the physical environment
- Identify leaders representative of their communities
- Understand the importance of capacity building and related initiatives in the region

Long-Term Outcomes

Residents and neighborhood organizations:

- Participate in capacity building/ mapping initiatives
- Increase capacity of partners
- Increase collaboration across community-based organizations, residents, and public/private partners

Residents and neighborhood organizations collaborate to build improved physical environments

Promote Healthy Community Design

Short-Term Outcomes

Community leaders and policymakers:

- Complete annual multi-sector health impact assessment (HIA) capacity building
- Educate key stakeholders on the benefit of conducting HIAs
- Commit resources to sustain efforts

Long-Term Outcomes

Community leaders and policy makers:

- Develop policies with policymakers that have incorporated HIAs
- Support policies and plans that embrace healthy community design

Community leaders and policy makers advocate and support the implementation of HIAs and promote healthy community design

Impact

TARGETED NEIGHBORHOODS ARE STRONGER, MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITIES OF CHOICE

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