



# Humboldt Park Chicago Ave Community Roundtable

January 2022

# Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **ISW Roundtable Survey**
3. **Chi Recovery Grant Program**
4. **We Will Chicago**

# Welcome!

# Community

Adrienne Whitney-Boykin, WHPDC  
Nefertari Cutler, WHPDC  
Alicia Ivy, Admin. Assist – 27th Ward  
& Humboldt Park Resident  
John Groene, NHS.  
Quentin Love, Turkey Chop  
Abraham Fattah, The Ice Cream Bar  
Ken Johnson, Bro N Laws Barbeque  
Ellen Moiani, Noble Network of Charter Schools  
Maurice Fears, The Children’s Place  
Cathy Krieger, The Children’s Place  
Bruce Hardy, The Children’s Place  
Franklin Williams, Headliners Barbershop  
Sam Abuaqel, Income Patriot Tax Service

Dr. Michael Early  
Shirley Rodgers  
Keith D. Muhammad  
Frances Simmons-Ellis, ABT Training Academy  
Derrick Ellis, Chicago Avenue Suppliers, LLC  
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# INVEST South/West Roundtable Survey

# Roundtable Survey

## Final Call for Responses Please Respond!

**Reflecting on Roundtables Survey**

As we approach two years of Neighborhood Roundtables, we are seeking your input on how we can ensure that Roundtables are a valuable forum for communication, feedback, and discussion. Please share your ideas, impressions, and thoughts on this survey. We will follow up in a Roundtable session to dig into some of these issues more deeply. Your responses are anonymous and will only be shared in aggregate.

**1. Please circle your level of agreement with each of the following statements.**

The Roundtable is effective in engaging regularly with Department of Planning & Development, Aldermen, community organizations, residents, small businesses, and property owners.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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The Roundtable is effective in advancing local goals through a broad, cross-disciplinary approach that leverages the insights, wisdom, creativity, and resources of local stakeholders.

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The Roundtable is effective in ensuring neighborhood voices are heard and integrated into the priorities of public and private investments.

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The roundtable is effective in obtaining feedback on INVEST South/West projects as they advance.

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Please share any comments about your answers above:

**2. Do you as a stakeholder feel you can trust your local government to do what is right?**

Almost always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Don't know
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**3. What, in your opinion, have been the major accomplishments of the Neighborhood Roundtable in the last year?**

**4. Rank the following items from most motivating (1) to least motivating (6). Of the reasons listed below, what motivates you to participate in the Neighborhood Roundtable?**

Reasons for attending Roundtable	Motivational Ranking (1-6)
Ability to share opinions about potential investments	
Participating in a community discussion about priorities and needs	
Advancing my organization's/constituents'/business's priorities	
Staying up-to-date on what's happening in the community	
Connect to fellow community members	
Other (describe)	

**5. Thinking ahead to future roundtables, what is ONE change that would make the biggest positive impact? Consider frequency, hosting, format, etc.**

**6. What entity, in your opinion, is best suited to convene and plan the roundtables? Circle at least one.**

DPD Planners	Corridor Manager	Other community-based organization	Other (describe):
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**6a. Why would this entity(ies) be an effective convener?**

**7. What are the best ways to publicize the roundtable meetings? Select up to three.**

Email from alderperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Email from Department of Planning and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email from community based organization (including Corridor Manager)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media posts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flyers to businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flyers to residences	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone calls	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**8. As vaccinations rise and people are more comfortable gathering indoors, what is the best format for Neighborhood Roundtables? Circle one.**

All virtual (Zoom)	Mostly virtual, occasionally in-person	Half virtual, half in-person	Mostly in-person, occasionally virtual	All in-person
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**9. Which of the following best describe(s) you as a stakeholder in this neighborhood? (Circle all that apply)**

Resident	Residential property owner	Commercial or mixed-use property owner
Elected official	Business owner	Staff of neighborhood organization or business
Staff of elected official	Other (describe):	None of the above

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English survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TMGP5LC>

Spanish survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FXCJ9GN>

# Department Updates

# Chicago Recovery Plan Community Development Grant



# Agenda

## Program Overview

- The Chicago Recovery Plan
- Community Development Grant Overview
- Eligibility

## Application

- Application Process
- Application Tips

## Questions





# Program Overview





# Chicago Recovery Plan

**\$1.2 billion**

in new investments in our residents and their future

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- \* Community Climate Investments
- \* Arts & Culture
- \* Tourism & Industry Support
- \* Parks & Infrastructure

## Thriving and Safe Communities

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# ★ Community Development Grants

The purpose of this program is to expand upon the Department of Planning and Development's (DPD) investments and support for catalytic local development.

Through these grants, the City aims to:

- Strengthen local corridors
- Enhance neighborhood vitality
- Drive equitable economic recovery



# ★ Program Overview

- **Grant uses:**
  - **Expansion or Renovation** for existing businesses
  - **New Locations** for start-up businesses or existing businesses
  - **New Construction** at vacant properties
- **Grant amount:**
  - Applicants can apply for up to \$5 million
    - **Small grant track:** Under \$250,000
    - **Large grant track:** \$250,000 to \$5 million
  - Grant cannot be more than 75% of total project costs





# Eligibility

## **This application is open to:**

- ✓ Commercial, mixed-use, or light manufacturing projects
- ✓ Business owners and entrepreneurs, property owners, and community developers
- ✓ Applicants from all areas of Chicago

## **Eligible expenses include:**

- ✓ Major exterior and interior renovations to existing businesses
- ✓ Build-outs for incoming businesses
- ✓ Acquisition, site preparation, demolition
- ✓ Architectural and engineering fees
- ✓ Roofing, masonry, façade, windows, doors
- ✓ Mechanical systems, such as HVAC, electrical, and plumbing
- ✓ Security systems, ADA accessibility improvements

*Only eligible expenses can be covered by the Community Development Grant.  
Other items can be included in the total project cost, but those will not be reimbursable.*



# ★ Chicago Recovery Plan expands eligibility beyond current programs

- ✓ Locations not limited to specific corridors
- ✓ Light manufacturing projects and mixed-use residential projects are eligible
- ✓ “Vanilla box” projects (where the tenant is not yet known) with a strong community impact are eligible





# Project Selection

Priority will be given to applications that incorporate these components:



Catalytic projects with a strong local impact (job creation, amenities and services that benefit the community, alignment with local community plans, community wealth building, etc.)



Projects located in historically disinvested areas that build upon existing efforts, such as INVEST South/West and community safety initiatives



Projects that demonstrate momentum and are expected to break ground in 2022



Site control is preferred





# Application Proces





# Application process

## 2022 application deadlines

- **First round:** Monday, January 31
- **Second round:** Thursday, March 10
- **Third round:** Late summer 2022

## Application process depends on size of requested grant amount


Small Grants  
(up to \$250,000)

**Online application** portal, opening this Friday, January 7

Large Grants  
(over \$250,000)

Apply via **editable PDF** and Developer Input Form





# Small Grants (up to \$250,000)

**Online application portal** opening this Friday, January 7

1. Access via [Chicago.gov/ChiRecoveryGrant](https://Chicago.gov/ChiRecoveryGrant)
  2. First step will be the Project Assessment. After completing it, you will either be directed to the full application or to additional resources to help you prepare for the next round
  3. After successfully completing the Project Assessment, create account on Submittable.com
  4. Begin the online application – you may save and continue later if preferred
  5. Upload all supplemental files and review to ensure accuracy and completeness
  6. Submit via the portal before the deadline
- A PDF of the application questions is currently [posted online](#) to allow for applicant preparation
    - Applications must be submitted in Submittable portal; PDF applications will not be considered
    - To receive email notification when the portal is open for submission, complete [this survey](#)



## Large Grants (more than \$250,000)

- Apply via editable PDF, posted at [Chicago.gov/ChiRecoveryGrant](https://Chicago.gov/ChiRecoveryGrant)
- Click the link for “*Grants for more than \$250,000 (Large)*” and the application will be downloaded onto your computer
  - File name: `fid_developer_input_form`
- Follow the instructions in the application:
  1. Complete all required fields; complete optional fields as needed
  2. Attach all supporting documentation within the PDF, including the *Developer Input Form*, using the ‘ATTACH’ buttons
  3. Save the completed application
  4. Submit via Submit button or through email to: [FID\\_Intake@cityofchicago.org](mailto:FID_Intake@cityofchicago.org)



# Application Tip 1: Project Readiness

Successful applications must show sufficient planning to demonstrate feasibility and the applicant's readiness to begin as soon as possible

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- **Site Control:** Does the applicant have site control? If not, is the applicant able to demonstrate a secured path to site control?
- **Plan for Construction:** Does the applicant provide a knowledgeable plan for how and when the project will begin and end?
- **Itemized Costs (Budget):** Has the applicant worked with an architect and/or General Contractor to develop a project budget with hard and soft costs fully itemized?
- **Applicant Equity (Funding Capacity):** Has the applicant secured any of the additional funds necessary to complete the project? If not, can the applicant demonstrate capacity to do so?





## Application Tip 2: Community Engagement

Successful applications show knowledge of the neighborhood's unique needs and priorities and responds to the community's interests

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- **Community Plans:** Has the applicant reviewed the published community plans for the area to know the goals of the neighborhood?
- **Community Engagement:** Does the applicant demonstrate engagement with the community through business or personal experience? Is the proposed project supported by local residents or community organizations?
- **Corridor Conditions:** Does the applicant show an awareness of the existing services/amenities in the area? Does the applicant know about new business projects nearby, or how the applicant's proposed project will affect the corridor?





## Application Tip 3: Design Impact

Project design is not only critical to the success of the business but also makes a statement regarding the community it serves.

Successful applicants have thought carefully about the design of their project and will engage a design professional when appropriate.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- **Equity & Inclusion:** Achieving fair treatment, targeted support, and prosperity for all residents
- **Innovation:** Implementing creative approaches to design and problem-solving
- **Sense of Place:** Celebrating and strengthening the culture of our communities
- **Sustainability:** Committing to environmental, cultural, and financial longevity
- **Communication:** Fostering design appreciation and responding to community needs





# ★ Resources

Please visit the [Community Development Grant Resources](#) page for:

- Links to City resources
- Materials to assist with:
  - Enhancing project readiness
  - Demonstrating financial feasibility
  - Construction planning
  - Showing catalytic impact
  - Business planning



Questions?





## Next Steps

- Thank you for attending. We look forward to reviewing your project applications!
- The session recording and frequently asked questions from today will be posted to the [Chicago Recovery Plan Community Development Grant website](https://www.chicago.gov/ChiRecoveryGrant) (**Chicago.gov/ChiRecoveryGrant**)
- For any additional questions, please email: **DPD@cityofchicago.org**



# We Will Chicago

  **WE WILL CHICAGO**

**Update on the Citywide Plan**



# WHAT IS WE WILL CHICAGO?

**We Will Chicago is an ambitious, three-year process to create a citywide plan for the future of Chicago.**

Formal plans like We Will can:



Create criteria and metrics for public policy



Formalize standards for neighborhood and regional plans



Align budgets, capital projects, and policy priorities



Innovate public financing tools



Standardize civic and community engagement in public decision-making



# ★ WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

## 2 PRINCIPLES

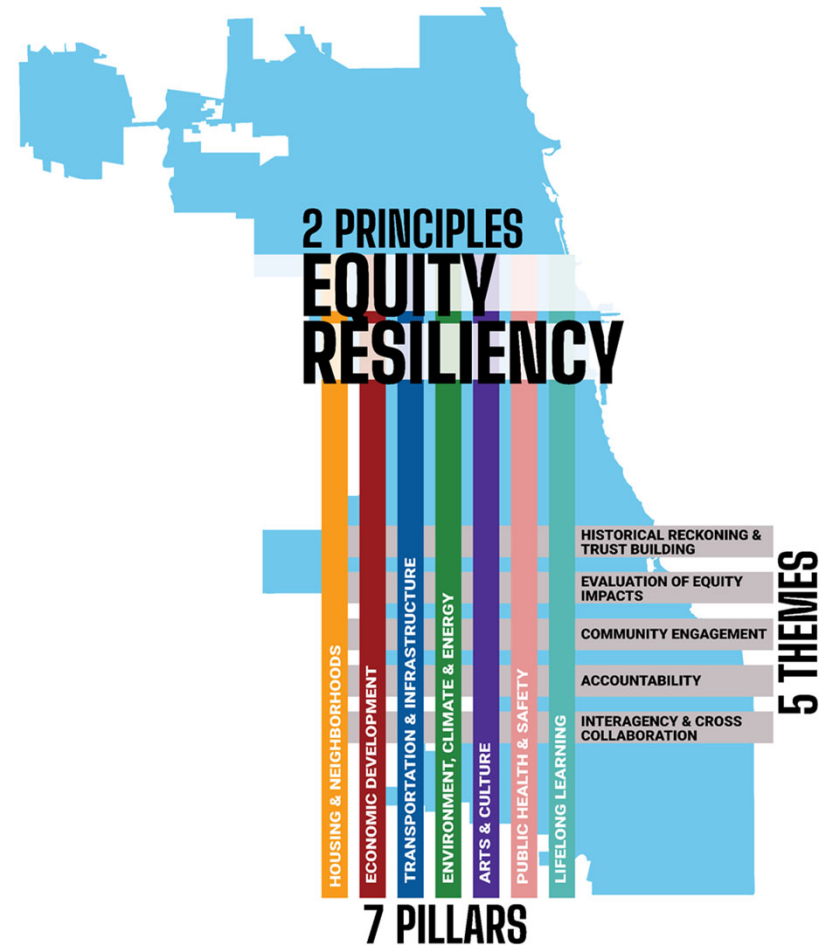
The north stars of the plan

## 5 THEMES

A roadmap for our process

## 7 PILLARS

Key quality of life drivers to be addressed



## ★ TWO PRINCIPLES: EQUITY + RESILIENCY



**Equity** is both an outcome and a process. This results in fair and just access to opportunity and resources that provide everyone the ability to thrive.





## ★ TWO PRINCIPLES: EQUITY + RESILIENCY



**Resiliency** is the ability of individuals, institutions, businesses, and systems within the community to survive, adapt, and grow despite the chronic stresses or shocks it experiences. A truly resilient city is not only expected to perform well in good times but also recover quickly after challenges.



# SEVEN PILLARS



**ARTS &  
CULTURE**



**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**



**ENVIRONMENT,  
CLIMATE & ENERGY**



**HOUSING &  
NEIGHBORHOODS**



**LIFELONG  
LEARNING**



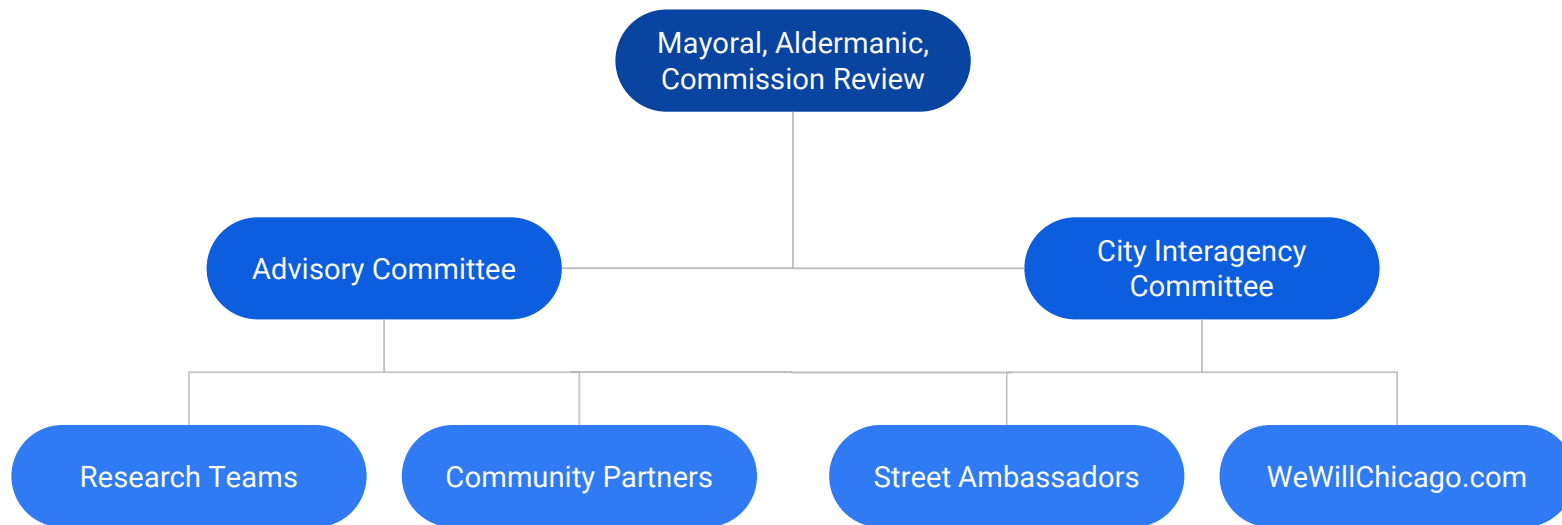
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& SAFETY**



**TRANSPORTATION &  
INFRASTRUCTURE**



# WE WILL CHICAGO STRUCTURE





# WHERE WE ARE NOW

2020

## Planning Phase

City staff worked with the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) to create a plan framework. Community workshops led to the creation of the plan pillars and principles.

2021

## Research & Engagement Pilots

Teams met monthly to develop questions, objectives, and recommendations for the plan. Artist-organizers also held nearly 80 events to collect and synthesize public feedback on the Plan Pillars.

2022

## Policy Creation & Citywide Public Engagement

Pillar teams will present a draft of plan recommendations for public review in June. We Will staff are in the process of planning widespread in-person and virtual opportunities for public comment.

2023

## Implementation & Budgeting

A final version of the plan and a report on public feedback will be presented to elected officials, commissioners, and the public for review and implementation.



# ★ GET INVOLVED

## Surveys

- Survey on plan objectives will be available this winter

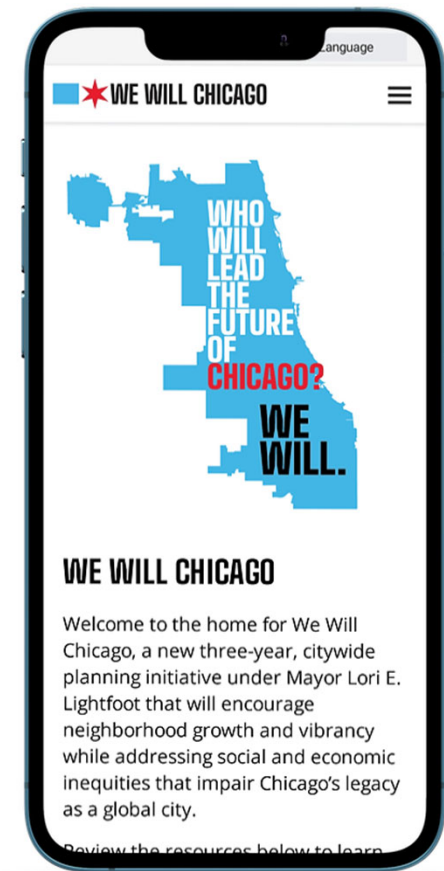
## Neighborhood Events

- The We Will Chicago street team will be at events throughout the year
- Meeting-in-a-Box materials are available to the public for smaller group discussions

## Online Engagement at WeWillChicago.com

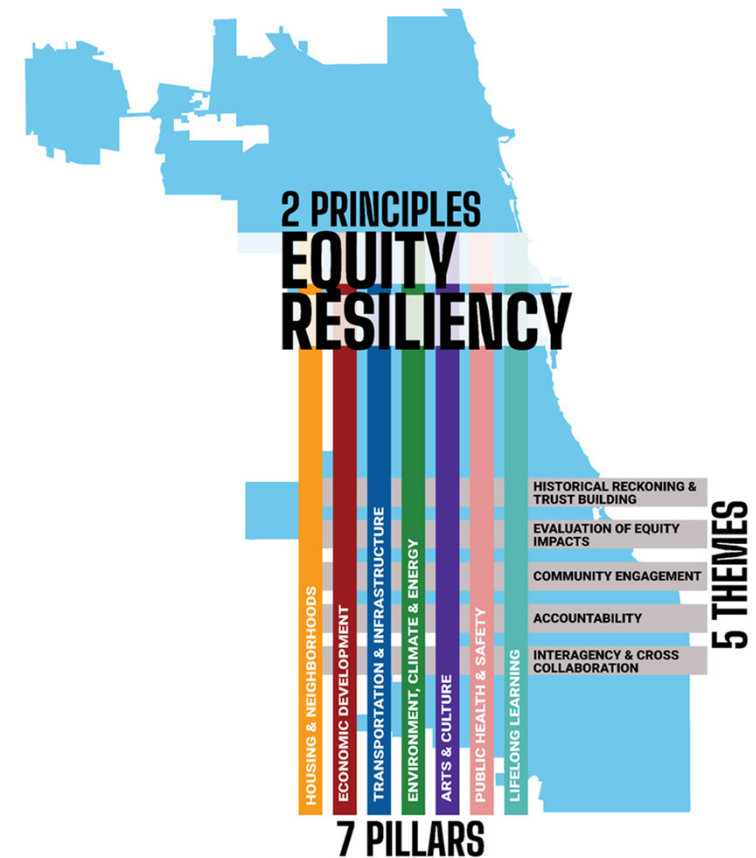
- Register for plan updates
- Share comments and ideas on the Pillars

Email [WeWill@CityofChicago.org](mailto:WeWill@CityofChicago.org) with any questions!



# ★ WHICH WE WILL CHICAGO PILLAR ARE YOU MOST INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT?

- Arts & Culture
- Economic Development
- Environment, Climate, & Energy
- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Lifelong Learning
- Public Health & Safety
- Transportation & Infrastructure



# Next Month Dates

# Next Steps

1. Next Neighborhood Roundtable  
-- *February 23<sup>rd</sup>*

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