Cook County Policy Roadmap
Vital Communities

Goal:
Pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing business, attracting investment and nurturing talent.

Economic Development

Cook County represents the core of the region's jobs, businesses and productivity, which are essential to our residents' economic mobility and quality of life. Our economy is diverse; however, inequities persist, particularly in communities that have experienced historic disinvestment.

Objectives:

1. Champion a regional approach to grow the economy and combat racial and economic inequities.
2. Invest in economic sectors with good jobs and positive economic, environmental, and social impact.
3. Grow the small business ecosystem, support innovation and entrepreneurship, and build wealth for historically excluded communities.
4. Provide a continuum of quality affordable housing for all.
5. Open access to economic prosperity for all by investing in workforce and talent development.
6. Base investments on their capacity to promote equitable economic growth in historically marginalized communities.
7. Support residents and community institutions to promote economic security and mobility.

OUP will foster Vital Communities by:

- promoting innovative and entrepreneurial approaches to equitable economic growth that prioritizes good jobs and supports small businesses;
- implementing programs and initiatives aimed at addressing inequities related to housing, workforce development, and other barriers to stability and prosperity;
- coordination of social services, direct assistance programs, services to help residents experiencing homelessness become stably housed; and
- investing in affordable housing.

Vital Communities Programs Have Included. . .

- Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt (CCLAHD)
- Cook County Promise Guaranteed Income Pilot
- Cook County Small Business Source

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