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Elevated Chicago

Elevated Chicago is committed to supporting and working with and for communities. Elevated is committed to changing the systems that have historically held back communities of color from progress, opportunities, and development for the people who live there. Elevated Chicago works to change systems by advancing equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) as a catalyst.

Elevated Chicago is working to improve the built environment (the physical structures and spaces available to people) without residential displacement. ETOD projects will lead to greater climate resiliency, increased exposure to arts and culture, and improved public health outcomes for people of color in ways that acknowledge racial inequities that have long existed in opposition to this work.

Examples of some of the work done with SPARCC capital grant funds follows.

ABOUT SPARCC

Launched in 2017 the Strong, Prosperous and Resilient Communities Challenge (SPARCC) is an initiative to change the way we invest in and shape our cities to promote racial justice, health equity, and climate resilience. SPARCC offers flexible grant funding, technical assistance, and a community of practice that convenes around policy and arts & culture to support innovative solutions that elevate communities' role in shaping their environment.



Esperanza

NEIGHBORHOOD Little Village

SPARCC CAPITAL GRANT \$100,000

SPARCC LOAN \$500,000

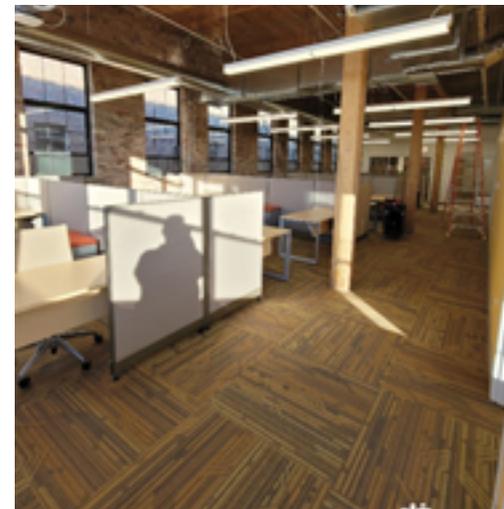
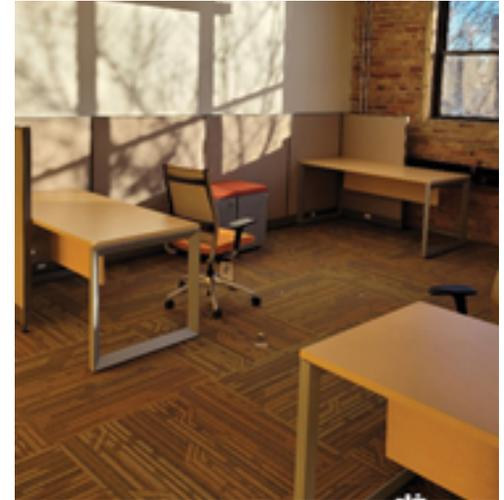
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Esperanza is a 20-year-old Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Elevated Chicago's Pink Line e-hub, and an active collaborator since the beginning of SPARCC. These funds will expand patient capacity by 20% by facilitating the move of administrative offices from the building housing the clinic to nearby office space, pictured above.

Esperanza has played an important role in improving mental and physical health for the west side communities, including those with immigration status concerns and LGBTQ+ needs. As the COVID-19 spread to Chicago, Esperanza established a testing center in the parking lot and began telehealth services before federal approval for reimbursement.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Ensuring FQHCs have appropriate facilities is an integral part of community health and wellness



Emerald South's Branding Initiative

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The branding initiative will create a cohesive visual identity for the Green Line South area throughout Washington Park and Woodlawn to coordinate development strategies, improve services and attract residents and businesses.

SPARCC CAPITAL GRANT \$133,000

IMPACT

- Increased new businesses
- Decreased stormwater flooding
- Increased participation in arts and culture programs



LUCHA's Here to Stay Land Trust

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Land Trust is a scalable, multi-pronged strategy that will preserve the stock of naturally occurring affordable housing in the target area by creating a competitive, self-regenerating acquisition fund, rehabbing multifamily buildings, and cultivating a pipeline of affordable housing for LMI families.

SPARCC CAPITAL GRANT: \$133,000

IMPACT

- Increased access to hospitals and local health centers
- Increased access to wealth generation for residents of color
- Decreased annual household energy costs



Garfield Green Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Garfield Green is a new, 40-80 unit housing development, known as C40 to be developed by Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) at Kedzie and Fifth Avenues, along a City of Chicago-designated "Resilient Corridor."

SPARCC CAPITAL GRANT \$25,000

IMPACT

- Lead to the creation of 40-80 housing units
- Increased community ownership of the development
- Decreased carbon emissions

