



# The Chicago Community Trust

*Elevated Chicago*

Chicago, IL

## Challenge

To advance an equitable transit-oriented development agenda in Chicago, specifically by addressing a shortage of affordable housing in transit-rich communities and a large quantity of undeveloped land near transit in communities of color

## Project Summary

Elevated Chicago addresses displacement in communities of color triggered by disinvestment and gentrification. It has awarded over \$1.5 million in grants to community-led, brick-and-mortar projects that seek to advance an equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) agenda. These ETOD projects include affordable housing, commercial space, community centers, and health clinics. Elevated Chicago has also trained municipal leaders and residents in equitable development principles and has invested in initiatives such as walkability programs and green infrastructure. The project's flagship achievements include partnering with the City of Chicago's Departments of Housing (DOH) and Planning and Development (DPD) and the mayor's policy office to create Chicago's first ETOD Policy Plan in 2021, which led to the passage of the city's first ETOD ordinance, "Connected Communities," in 2022. Elevated Chicago's advocacy has led to funding allocations of \$800 million by DOH to support 18 affordable housing developments near transit hubs and \$10 million in federal recovery funds by DPD to support ETOD grants and technical assistance.



## PARTNERS

City of Chicago, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago Transit Authority, SPARCC (Strong, Prosperous, And Resilient Communities Challenge), MacArthur Foundation, and numerous neighborhood-based organizations, among others

